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HOW NAVAL BATTLE BEGAN TOLD BY PASSENGER ON FRENCH LINER: NO DECISION IN BERLIN AS TO GRAF SPEE PLANS

AN ACCOUNT OF HOW THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE THREE BRITISH CRUISERS, H. M. S. EXETER, H. M. S. ACHILLES AND H. M. S. AJAX, AND THE GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE began, given by a passenger on board the French liner Formose, which was being convoyed by the Ajax, is contained in a Reuter message from Buenos Aires.

MEANWHILE, A REUTER REPORT FROM AMSTERDAM STATES THAT NOTHING HAS YET BEEN REVEALED IN BERLIN ABOUT THE PLANS OF THE GRAF SPEE.

The German authorities have been examining reports from the captain of the pocket battleship, now lying in Montevideo harbour, and the German Legation but hitherto it is not known what decision will be taken.

The passenger aboard the French liner Formose related that at 6 p.m. on Wednesday when the liner was off the Uruguayan coast they sighted the Graf Spee sailing parallel with the Formose. The Graf Spee fired four shots at a target which was invisible from the liner.

FAIR AND SQUARE

"At 7.30 p.m. we saw a British cruiser approaching at great speed. When she was 12 miles off, she opened fire on the German battleship. The first shell missed but the range was then rectified and the second took the Graf Spee fair and square in the stern.

"The cruiser threw a smoke-screen to hide herself and then resumed the chase," he said.

"The Graf Spee was surprised by the sudden attack. She increased her speed and replied with a volley of four shots, all of which fell wide.

"The cruiser pressed on with the attack without allowing the Graf Spee the slightest breathing space. When night fell the Graf Spee was still firing her shells, seemingly at random. She disappeared into the darkness, still pursued by the British warship," concluded the passenger.

URGENT EXCHANGE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15 (Reuter) — An urgent exchange of questions and instructions was proceeding in code between Berlin and Montevideo all yesterday and most of last night.

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2 GERMAN SHIPPING FIRMS LOSE HEAVILY

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Havas) — Two German shipping companies,

the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Hamburg Amerika Line, have suffered huge losses since the outbreak of war due to the fact that 40 of their ships are blocked in American ports and 2,800 men, who are idle, continue to draw their salary.

Furthermore, they must purchase supplies and foodstuffs for these vessels.

An interesting sidelight on the situation is the polite refusal of the companies of the offer for repatriation by 300 Chinese sailors, who had signed two-year contracts, stating that they prefer to adhere strictly to the terms of the contracts."

The Governor-General, Lord Galway, sent a message to the Secretary of State for the Dominions, Mr. Anthony Eden, congratulating the Captain and all ranks for the heroic part played in the defeat of the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, stated that the battle

will take a notable place in the glorious annals of British naval history.

He congratulated, on behalf of the Government and the people, the Captain and the crew, which included 327 New Zealanders. He added that it was gratifying that in the first naval action "our boys acquitted themselves in a manner fully in keeping with the great traditions of the British Navy."

A NECESSITY

The newspaper understands that Admiral Nomura regards this measure as a fundamental necessity.

His opponents, on the other hand, argue that the re-opening of the Yangtze to third power shipping would violate China's administrative rights and will enable the powers concerned not only to enjoy economic benefits, but also to exercise political and military pressure on China.

Therefore, they say, third power navigation rights on Chinese waterways should be abolished.

THE PROGRESS OF OFFENSIVE BY CHINESE IN HUPEH: BIG ADVANCES CLAIMED

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Dec. 15 (Central) — Chinese forces in Central and North Hupeh are continuing their advances since their major offensive launched on Tuesday.

Aside from Topaowan and Lohanssu, the units which crossed the Siang River have recaptured more important points in their drive along the Hankow-Ichang highway, including Nanchanglu and Hsuchiachang, west of Tienmen. Kungyichang, where the Japanese retreated, is surrounded.

Japanese reinforcements Yingshan are vigorously attacking Chaokow.

JAPANESE DISLODGED

Japanese units at Hsuehiamiao, north-east of Suhsien, have been dislodged. They are bringing in reinforcements from the neighbourhood to stage a comeback.

To the north-west of Anfu, south of Yingshan, a Japanese unit has been defeated, abandoning over 100 bodies.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

Further Japanese reinforcements have been called out. Fighting is

raging in the vicinity of Yung-

lung-ho. Shantaochen, in the

neighbourhood, is encircled by the Chinese.

The Japanese have suffered

heavy casualties in an engage-

ment near Tienkang, 95 miles

above Hankow on the south bank

of the Han River.

On the Sulihuan sector, in North

Hupeh, the Chinese have also re-

cured more important points,

including Yuchiatan and Tasi-

chishan. The Chinese north of

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BUSY DAY FOR ENVOY

TIENTSIN, Dec. 15 (Reuter) —

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American

Ambassador to China, had a most

busy morning interviewing indi-

viduals while in the afternoon he

spent two hours closeted with

leading American business leaders.

American Consular and Cham-

ber of Commerce officials decline

to divulge anything for the pre-

sent.

Mr. Yoshio Muto, Japanese

Consul-General, called on Mr.

Johnson

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BUILDING IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WITH NO FIRE-ESCAPE: INQUIRY AT MAGISTRACY: RIDER BY JURY

INADEQUATE PROVISION OF FIRE-ESCAPES WAS addded as a rider by the jury at the Central Court yesterday afternoon when an inquest was held into the death of one of eight persons who lost their lives in a conflagration at No. 466, Queen's Road West in the early morning of November 27.

Evidence revealed that the premises were built in 1901 and, according to a Building Authority witness, had no fire-escape on the floors. The staircase and floors were constructed entirely of wood.

Mr. T. J. Houston sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury comprising Messrs. G. A. Lomas (foreman), Pun Ping-chung and Wong Man-fel.

The fire occurred at No. 466 Queen's Road West in the early morning of November 27 resulting in eight deaths, including women and children.

Inspector W. Mai and Detective-Sergeant R. Macvey, who conducted the investigations, were present for the police.

Medical evidence showed that some of the persons died from fractured skull, consistent with a fall from a height, while others perished by burns.

FIRE ON SCENE

Sub-Inspector See Wal-ming, who was the first police officer on the scene, told the Court that he was on duty from 1 to 8 a.m. on November 27 when he heard police whistle blown. He rushed to the locality and found the premises in question burning. He opened the door of the ground floor of No. 466 Queen's Road West and made attempts to put out the flames. He summoned the Fire Brigade and on his return found the fire had intensified. He then rushed next door and roused the inmates.

Tam Yuk-chi, master of the Kwong Lee Lung grocery shop on the ground floor of the house where the fire originated, said that the inmates of the floor had retired just before midnight. There was no cooking in the kitchen and the main electric switch had been put off. About 1 a.m. he was awakened by shouts of "fire" in the front corner of his shop where a quantity of straw mats had been kept. He gave the alarm and the people rushed out through the back door.

He suffered a loss to property of more than \$1,500.

RUSHED TO VERANDAH

Wong Mui-lin, principal tenant of the first floor, said that there were altogether 20 persons in her flat. When the first alarm was first heard the inmates rushed up to the second floor verandah and climbed to the balcony next door.

The men, whose ages range from 13 to 24, are the first of 625 volunteers who will be engaged in mine-sweeping operations.

Some of the men's fathers served in the Army in the last war.

Lord Derby, in the name of the King, welcomed the splendid body

of men who had come to help their Empire in her great struggle.

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Boy Burns To Death In Cockloft Misadventure Verdict

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned at Kowloon Court yesterday following an inquiry into a nine-year-old boy

who was burned to death in the cockloft above the ground floor of No. 13, Pitt Street, on the night of November 30.

Giving evidence, the deceased's mother, Lam Kam, stated that her husband had endeavoured to save the boy after fire broke out following a pot of boiling oil bursting into flame. Her husband rushed up the cockloft, but had to turn back when badly singed by the flame, his hair catching alight.

Mr. G. C. Moss, Deputy Superintendent of the Fire Department, Kowloon, stated, in evidence, that a private individual was allowed by the regulations to keep up to 20 gallons of kerosene on his premises without a licence, and for a quantity of kerosene over 20 gallons a licence was required on terms of

which the kerosene would have to be kept in a pit in the yard.

The jury sitting at this inquest comprised Messrs. L. Bones (foreman), E. Eymard, and Woo Woon-kin.

FIRST EMPIRE CONTINGENT TO JOIN R.N.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter) — The Empire's first contingent of men to join the Royal Navy, consisting of nearly 200 fishermen, all bachelors from the Belle Isle, Newfoundland, was given an official welcome at Liverpool.

The men, whose ages range from 18 to 24, are the first of 625 volunteers who will be engaged in mine-sweeping operations.

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Lord Derby, in the name of the King, welcomed the splendid body of men who had come to help their Empire in her great struggle.

FINAL SELECTIONS FOR JOCKEY CLUB'S 13TH EXTRA MEETING

BY "LAST QUARTER"

RACE 1 (2.00 P.M.)

New Star 1

Potentate 2

Lancashire Lass 3

RACE 2 (2.30)

Pumpernickel 1

Brutus 2

Heinz 3

RACE 3 (3.00)

Smiling Time 1

Matador 2

Gog 3

RACE 4 (3.30)

Night View 1

Piet Hein 2

Gold Coin 3

RACE 5 (4.00)

Taxing Master 1

Dawn Star 2

Tampa Bay 3

RACE 6 (4.30)

Lancashire Chips 1

CHINA EXPECTED TO WIN IN CHARITY SOCCER CUP MATCH TOMORROW

South China "A" Meeting Police This Afternoon

BY "PILAT"

The first match in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup will be played tomorrow at Caroline Hill when IRELAND will be opposed to CHINA, the holders.

China is fielding strong eleven but it can safely be said that it is not their strongest. As far as the goalkeeper and the full-back positions are concerned the choices are as expected. It is learned Lee Kwok-wai is not turning out and Mak Shiu-hon will play instead.

However, a complete new intermediate line will be on view. Hsu King-sing, who will be seen at centre-half, played for the Federation in the Governor's Cup, but the wing-halves, Lau Che-chau and Lau Chung-sang are receiving their first recognition in a representative game.

The forwards are the same as those who played in the Governor's Cup match except that Lai Shiu-wing has been dropped in favour of Cheung Kam-hoi. This should assure of better understanding as Cheung and Hau Ching-to are team-mates.

The Irish team includes only four Senior League players, the rest being drawn from junior League teams.

The back division of Sheehan and Lawton looks quite safe but the same cannot be said of the rest. I doubt if the halves can hold the Chinese even with such a fine player as David Leow as pivot.

The forwards are no doubt good individually, but whether they can combine together as a unit remain to be seen.

LEAGUE GAMES

As far as can be ascertained there will be three League games this afternoon, the most interesting of which should be the KOWLOON-EASTERN encounter on the former's ground.

Eastern have so far dropped four valuable points and their chances of winning the League are not as bright as at the start of the season. Their display last Saturday was extremely disappointing, to say the least, and, unless they

ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock Noont.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary
Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1939.

TWO EXCELLENT ATTRACTIONS IN TOMORROW'S SOFTBALL PROGRAMME OF FOUR MATCHES IN EACH LEAGUE

BY R.O.Y.

Four matches in each of the Men's and Ladies' Leagues will be played tomorrow, with top-billing going to the Chung Hwa-Recreio Clash. Another excellent attraction will be the meeting of the Wildcats and Canadian Chinese girls at Prince Edward Road.

Without any blare of trumpets, the Hong League gets away to a slow start with only two matches, although eight fixtures had originally been scheduled.

THE OPENER

The Ball Club girls tangle with the Pirates in the opener of the Ladies' programme at 10.00 a.m. on the Prince Edward Road ground, and quite a close struggle should be seen. The Ball Clubbers appear to have got hold of themselves, registering wins at both

their previous starts, and should managed to take the honours from the Buccaneers, who have a useful but erratic bunch of players.

The Wahoos are not likely to be troubled by the Baby Panthers in the second game, although it's about time the latter got a break. The lowly Cubs mix it with the almost as lowly Cardinals at 1.00 p.m., "Doc" Mothen will be there with bells on; this should be one more game his Redbirds should win.

THE NIGHTCAP

The nightcap, at 2.30 p.m., will find the Wildcats and Canadian Chinese lassies struggling to stay on top of the heap. Each have a defeat chalked against them and if they are to stay in the pennant race, cannot afford to lose another. I understand that the Canucks are likely to be shorthanded for this fracas, so the Wildcats must

sure to take the honours.

despite the absence of Coach Nip Lum who will be engaged with the Recreio Bees.

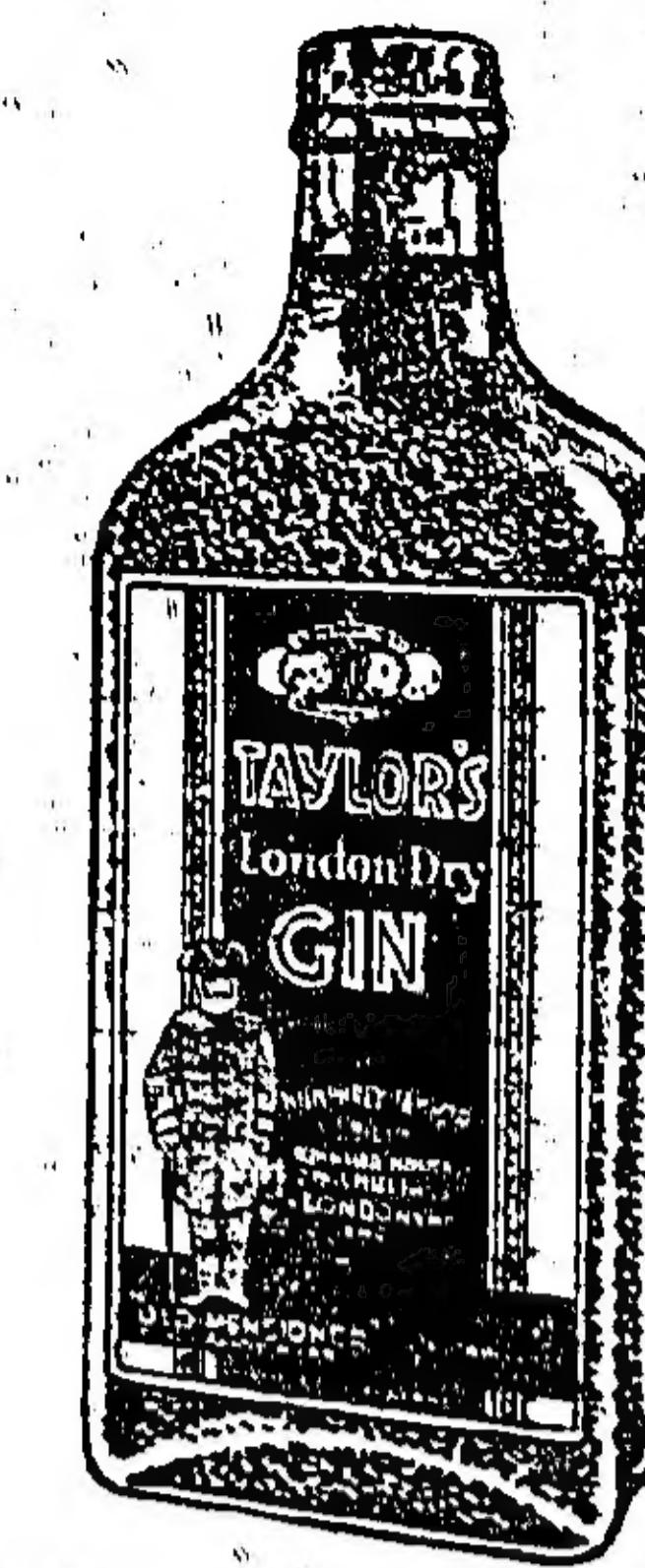
POSTPONED FIXTURE

The Recreio Aces will play off their postponed fixture with the Victoria Recreation Club at 11.45 a.m., on the home lot. The unbeaten league leaders should make short work of the keen but inexperienced V.R.C. gang.

The "big" game of the day will also be played on the Recreio

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ground, starting at 2.30 p.m., and

will see two well balanced squads, Chung Hwa and Recreio Bees, in opposition.

The Chinese boys have a decided edge in their battery of Tuffy Chinn and Nip Lum, and this advantage should give them victory over their opponents who are their equal in other phases of the game, with the probable exception of experience.

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Governor To Play Cricket Tomorrow

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, will play for the Hongkong Cricket Club in a cricket match for teams over 45 between the HKCC and the Kowloon C.C.

The match will be played at 2.15 p.m. at the Kowloon C.C. and His Excellency will lunch with the teams at 1.00 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS

His Excellency's team will meet the Tinkoo Club at lawn bowls on the Government House green on Wednesday at 3.15 p.m.

The Final will be contested on Dec. 27.

RECREIO'S BRAVEN CUP TEAM

The following will play for Club de Recreio in their Brawn Cup fixture against the Argonauts at King's Park today, "bully-off" 4.15 p.m.

C. Silva; T. Gonsalves, M. Ribeiro; M. Xavier, N. M. Osmund, M. Silva; L. Rodrigues, N. Goncalves, M. Campos, I. Rozario and M. Figueiredo.

NOMADS' HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Nomads' hockey team against the C.B.A. in a Hockey Tournament Association match at King's Park tomorrow at 11 a.m.:—E. A. Alves, H. Soares, R. Xavier; A. Xavier, R. J. Reed, L. Souza; B. Xavier, P. Rull, J. H. Franco, F. O. Reed and R. M. da Silva.

Stanley; Royal Scots v. R.A.M.C., Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.

RACING.—Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—First Division, Police v. South China A, Boundary Street; Kowloon v. Royal Scots, Club, 4 p.m. Second Division A Kit Chee v. South China, Caroline Hill; 5th A.A. v. Eastern, Happy Valley; Club v. 30th R.A., Club, 2.30 p.m.; R.A.C. v. 8th R.A. Happy Valley 4 p.m. Second Division B, Kwong Wah v. Royal Scots, Boundary Street; Kowloon v. Police, Kowloon; Engineers v. R.A.F., Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.; University v. Signals, Happy Valley, 4 p.m. Third Division South China v. 12th R.A., Caroline Hill; Engineers v. R.A.S.C., Chatham Road, 4 p.m. 24th R.A. v. Kukungs, 5 p.m.

TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were recorded at the Happy Valley training gallops on Saturday:—

	Distance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	Last Qr.
Potentate	32	32	32	
Macquarie River	29	5.72	28.2	
New Star	35.1	1.06	30.4	
Lancashire Lass	32		32	
Night View	32.2	1.04.1	30.4	
Baffin Bay	31.4	1.00.2	28.3	
Tornado Star	32.2	59.4	27.2	
National Pride	31.3	1.03.1	31.3	
Scenic View	31.3	1.02.2	30.4	
Rose Flora	31		31	
Plett Hein	36	1.08	32	
A Grand Time	33	1.01.1	28.1	
Gog	34.2	1.05.3	31.1	
King Kong	31.2	1.00.4	29.2	
Ecclis Bay	29.2		29.2	
Commencement Bay	36.2	1.04	32.3	
Galveston Bay	31.1	1.01	29.4	
Valorous, Georgie	32		32	
Smiling Time	31.4		31.4	
Hectic View	30.1	59.1	29	
King's Envoy	32		32	
A Roaring Time	27.2		27.2	
Salvage Master	35.1	1.06.4	33.3	
Confusion Bay	31.2	59.3	28.3	
Taxing Master	31.4		31.4	
Heddon	31.4		31.4	
Celtic Star	30.3		30.3	
Jennifer	30.4	1.00.3	29.4	
Matador	31		31	
Just In Time	32.3	1.03.3	31	
Schmetterling	28.2	56.3	28.1	
Lancashire Chap	33.4	1.08.3	32.4	

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"SHADOW OF THE SWASTIKA" AND OTHER RELAYS

Dvorak Symphony

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession

12.30 Wagner's Tannhauser Overture and Excerpts from his Operas

"The Valkyrie" - Ride of the Valkyries; "Lohengrin" - Prelude, Act 3 - London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. "Lohengrin" - The King's Address - Ivar Andresen (Bass) with Orch. "Tannhauser" - Overture (Wagner-Liszt) - Benno Moltschitsch (Piano)

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report

1.30 Dance Music by Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra

Quickstep - Could Be; Slow Fox-Trot - Kinda; Lonesome (film "St. Louis Blues"). The Veleta: Waltz - St. Bernard Waltz; Slow Fox-Trot - Tears On My Pillow; Sequence Dance - The Park Parade; Quickstep - Something Tells Me; Slow Fox-Trot - I Won't Tell a Soul; Quickstep - Apple Blossom Time

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements

1.45 Light Variety with Gracie Fields, Jessie Crawford, Alleyne and Leonhardt and Others.

Humorous Monologue - The Loch Ness Monster (John Tilley); John Ness, Cinema Organ - The Old Spinning Wheel (Bill); My Wishing Song (Karl and Burke); Jessie Crawford, Comedienne - Fiddle Joe (London and More); Poor Me, Poor You (Gester and Others); Gracie Fields with Orchestra, Novelty - Animals on Parade; Macdougall's Farm; Noah's Ark - The Who's Zoo at Whipside (Animal Entertainers) with Accomp. Two Pianos - Destiny - Waltz ("Baynes"; Passaport (Delibes) - Alleyne & Leonhardt.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Dvorak - Symphony No. 4 in G Major, Op. 88

Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vaclav Talich

5.35 Selections from Light Opera.

"The King Steps Out" - Vocal Gems (Kreisler) - Orchestra and Chorus; "Countess Mariza" - Selection (Kalmán) - Grand Symphony Orchestra with Ilse Wald (Soprano) and Hans Clement (Tenor). "The Beggar Student" - Let's Presume (Millock); Margaret Slezak (Soprano) and Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orch.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations

7.00 Billy Mayerl (Piano) and His Orchestra

Three Dances In Syncopation (Mayerl): (a) English Dance; (b) Cricket Dance; (c) Harmonica Dance - Billy Mayerl (Piano). Heart and Soul (film "A Song Is Born"); Mayfair Merry-Go-Round (film "Kicking the Moon Around") - Billy Mayerl (Piano) and Dorothy Carless (Vocal). Song of the Fir Tree (Mayerl); Sweet William (Mayerl); Billy Mayerl (Piano). Fox-Trots - Love Was Born (from "Crazy Days"); Stranger In A Cup of Tea (from "Crazy Days") - Billy Mayerl and

SHORT WAVE

GENERAL

His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain Parade Of The Sandwich-Board Men (Mayerl) - Billy Mayerl (Piano).

7.30 London Relay - The News

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements

8.03 Ravel - Bolero.

The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris conducted by the late Maurice Ravel, 8.20 Songs by Luigi Forti (Tenor).

Ay, Ay' Ay (Perez and Freire); "Mignon" - Ado, Mignon (Thomas); "Don Pasquale" - Serenata; Scott Beam the Light (Donizetti).

8.30 London Relay - "Shadow of the Swastika."

Fourth Episode of the Life of the Nazi Party.

9.05 Studio - Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay - News Summary.

9.30 London Sport Results.

9.32 Sea Shanties by John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

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Three Dances In Syncopation (Mayerl): (a) English Dance; (b) Cricket Dance; (c) Harmonica Dance - Billy Mayerl (Piano). Heart and Soul (film "A Song Is Born"); Mayfair Merry-Go-Round (film "Kicking the Moon Around") - Billy Mayerl (Piano) and Dorothy Carless (Vocal). Song of the Fir Tree (Mayerl); Sweet William (Mayerl); Billy Mayerl (Piano). Fox-Trots - Love Was Born (from "Crazy Days"); Stranger In A Cup of Tea (from "Crazy Days") - Billy Mayerl and

7.30 London Relay - News Summary

8.00 Full Bulletin

8.45 p.m. do

9.15 p.m. do

10.00 mid-night

Transmission V - News Summary

7.30 a.m. Full Bulletin

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INDIA'S GENEROSITY TO BRITISH CAUSE DESPITE COMMUNAL DISPUTES

LONDON, Dec. 15 (BWS).—In a statement yesterday in the House of Lords, the Secretary for India, Marquis of Zetland, said that the Indian Princes and peoples continued to express their "detestation of the crimes perpetrated by Nazi Germany against all the laws of God and man" and instanced the Vice-roy's Fund, which totalled £475,000, for which no appeal had been made.

Further examples were gifts from the Maharaja of Gondal and the Nawab of Rampur, the former having allocated £7,500 for the dependents of those lost in the Royal Oak and the latter had given 1,000,000 rupees for motor ambulances.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

For the benefit of German propagandists, who spent their time explaining the plight of the Indian people, the Marquis of Zetland said he would like to add a single other example of generosity.

"In one district in the Punjab, with few wealthy people among the residents, the Governor was recently handed a wholly unsolicited gift of 17,000

How Doctors Treat Stomach Trouble

BY DR. SCOTT, M.D., PARIS.

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STRONG U.S. SYMPATHY FOR ALLIES

AGGRESSION AND NAZISM MUST NOT TRIUMPH

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, said yesterday that the people of the United States wish to resort to all possible means, short of war, to prevent the triumph of Nazism and aggression in Finland, Austria and the Balkans.

He expressed sympathy for the Allies and said that the British Navy is now making the economic war against Germany effective. May God help them to make it completely successful.

ANTI-NAZI RALLY

Mr. Green was addressing an Anti-Nazi Rally in Madison Square Garden and the other speakers included Governor Lehman and ex-President Herbert Hoover.

Solution No. 487

ACROSS: 1. Plump. 4. Carcass. 8. Regular. 9. Apple. 10. Nudge. 11. Outline. 13. Tins. 15. Resist. 17. Easter. 20. Ends. 22. Consume. 24. Shops. 26. Event. 27. Trading. 28. Prepare. 29. Edges. 30. Get at in pent, it's obvious. 31. Round flat. 32. Put right, not defunct mates. 33. This thing is worrying business for the baby. 34. Would officers be annoyed to find it in this? 42. A portion—or a mere speck. 43. Played on bagpipe base.

DOWN: 1. Partner. 2. Urged. 3. Pellets. 4. Carbon. 5. Roast. 6. Ap-point. 7. Swede. 12. Used. 14. Item. 16. Sincere. 18. Aspaga. 19. Re-signs. 21. Nestle. 22. Creep. 23. Ultra. 25. Owing.

CONTINUED SOVIET AID FOR CHINA

POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED

KUNMING, Dec. 15 (Central)—Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, who arrived here from Rangoon by plane yesterday following an extensive tour in Europe, told the Press that British, French and Soviet sympathy with China is daily increasing.

MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

Soviet material assistance to China will be continued, and the Soviet policy towards China will remain unchanged, he said.

In his opinion Japan's hopes to bring about rapprochement with the Soviet Union will not likely materialize.

NO PACT WITH JAPAN

Dr. Sun said that most observers in Europe think it unlikely that the United States will conclude a new trade pact with Japan.

They believe that China will emerge victorious from the present war. Official quarters in London maintain that China has already achieved successes in the two years' hostilities.

ONLY ONE SURVIVOR

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—No list of the casualties on board the destroyer H.M.S. Duchess, which collided with another warship yesterday, has yet been issued.

The sole surviving officer is Probationary Lieutenant J.R. Pritchard, R.N.R.

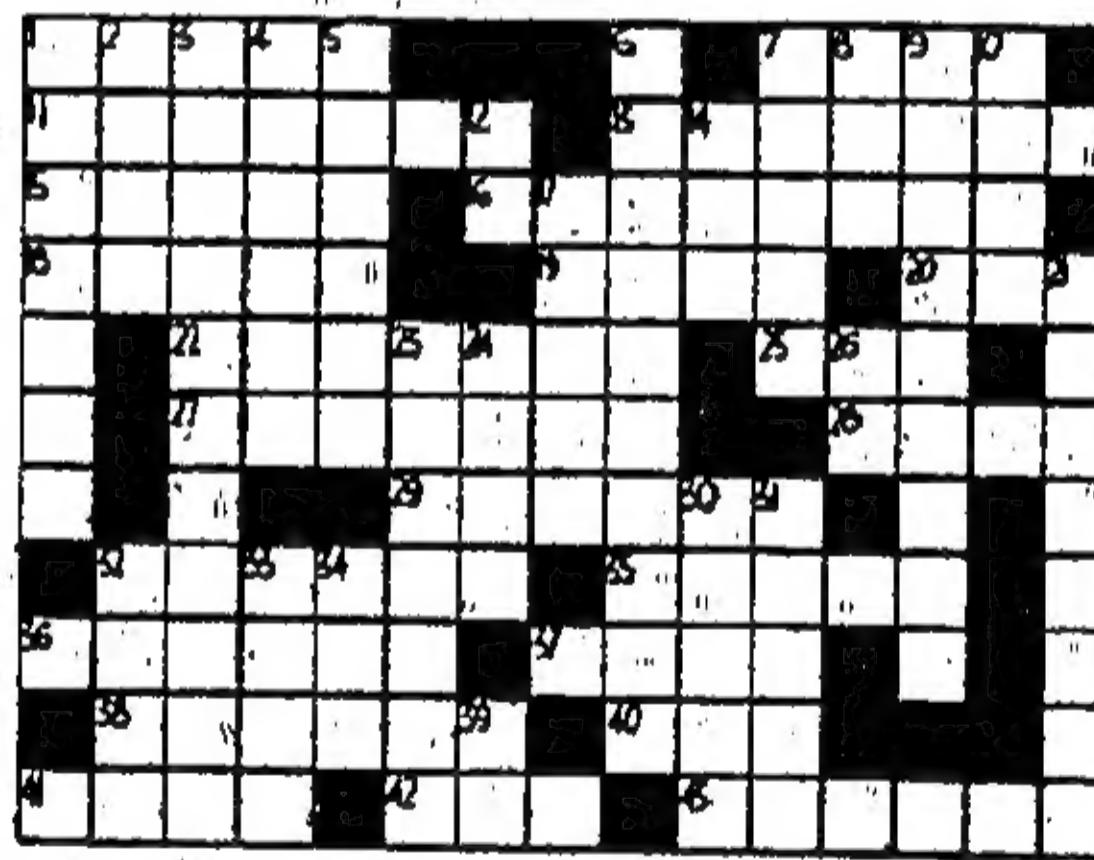
HUNAN DAILY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR GLIDERS

HENGYANG, HUNAN, Dec. 15 (Central).—Following the example of the Chungking Ta Kung Pao, the Ta Kang Pao, a Chinese daily in Hengyang, Hunan, is raising funds for the purchase of gliders to be donated to the Government.

Donations sufficient for buying three gliders have already been obtained.

The glider movement is intended to make the Chinese air-minded.

CROSSWORD NO. 488



CLUES ACROSS

- A racket or a patch
- The sort of make-up that made our ancestors blue
- Not in, jest—the Silent Service is there
- Sluggishness
- How times have changed in cheeses
- So 1st in a decoration, out of date
- Four-ale well mixed and full of life
- You may get cold shoulder if you put these on
- Piece of metal
- Without a doubt
- Such an actor might go down better if rasher
- There's bit of ruthlessness in this fib
- These resorts are hardly intelligent in a reverse
- Not visible
- Feasts can thus be made most secure
- Elevate
- Got at in pent, it's obvious
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SOLUTION ON MONDAY

GENERAL

ANNIVERSARY OF PUPPET GOVERNMENT IN PEIPING FALLS FLAT

RATIONING IN JAPAN

MOVE TO OVERCOME HOARDING

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Influential members of the Government favour consideration of the ticket rationing system for principal daily necessities, according to the Asahi today.

TURNING to the political field, the Marquis of Zetland regretted to say that difficulties persisted. While in the Punjab, Bengal and Sind the "Governments" Legislatures were successfully functioning and in Assam an alternative Government had accepted office, in seven other provinces, which had Congress Ministries, the administration had been taken over by the Governors.

ALTHOUGH the transition was effected smoothly and, broadly speaking, the policies were presented by the Legislatures before the resignations being carried out, the transfer was contrary to the desire of the British Government and had put back the hands of the clock 30 years.

The Marquis of Zetland dealt with the latest Congress statement and said that the Government could not agree that no communal differences arose in meeting Congress demands.

MAIN DIFFICULTY

He pointed out that no constitution could be expected to function successfully unless met by the assent of the minorities. The main difficulty was still the differences of opinion between the Congress and the Moslem League.

ALTHOUGH a numerical minority, there between eighty and ninety millions affected.

The Marquis of Zetland appealed to the leaders of both sides to call a truce and said he had derived some little encouragement from the report that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. Jinnah had arranged for a further discussion, which he hoped, would cover a wide field.

In conclusion, the Marquis of Zetland said that the internal difficulties did not lessen the abhorrence with which Indian creeds and communities viewed the Nazi system.

GROTESQUE IDEA

German propaganda suggested that India should look to Nazi Germany for freedom.

The conception of Herr Hitler as the liberator is so grotesque as to bring a smile to the face of anyone except possibly a German. If Herr Hitler and his associates imagine they may look for aid from India, they are heading for one of the greatest disillusionments of their lives," concluded the Marquis.

SOVIET EXPelled FROM LEAGUE

PEIPING, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Chinese and Japanese authorities in Peiping are considering detailed measures for putting into effect a rationing system for rice, states the Hsin Min Po.

It is planned that each Chinese household will receive a fixed amount of rice for a certain period. Details are not yet available.

GERMAN CLAIMS DISPROVED

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The South African press reveal

that the aircraft-carrier Ark Royal and the battle-cruiser Renown recently visited Cape Town, thus giving the lie to the Zeeseen announcements

that the Ark Royal had been sunk.

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NO ENTHUSIASM AMONG CHINESE

PEIPING, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Despite intense propaganda, the granting of a public holiday, streets decorated and organised public meetings, the Second Anniversary of the installation of the Peiping Provisional Government apparently failed to elicit any enthusiasm among the Chinese public.

WANG'S ABSENCE

This move, the newspaper says, is being considered for adjusting supply and demand and to overcome the hoarding of rice, coal, charcoal, sugar and other commodities.

ENVOY'S STATEMENT

The Japanese Ambassador at Large, Mr. Kato in an interview, stated that his visit was merely a routine inspection and emphasised that the present situation involving the restriction of foreign interests, would be changed after the conclusion of peace.

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\$1,000 CLAIM AGAINST CABARET PROPRIETOR: DEFENDANT TESTIFIES

In the Summary Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, a claim for \$1,082 was brought by Daniel Lee against R. Woodcraft, proprietor of the defunct Coconut Grove cabaret, West Point, and Tai Tung-kec.

The money was due, plaintiff alleges, under a written undertaking made and given by the defendants dated May 9, 1939.

Particulars of the claim are: Passage to Singapore for plaintiff and wife, \$370; cash for expenses on board, \$100; daily expenses at \$4 per day from May 30 to October 30, 1939, \$612. Plaintiff waives the sum of \$32 in order to bring the action within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios while Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence.

Defendant, in evidence, said that he was at present operating the Rex Cabaret. He first met plaintiff, who was partner with second defendant of the Kwong Chau ballroom, in March last and a proposition was made to him in connexion with the business.

FIFTY-FIFTY BASIS

First asked for a loan of \$5,000 for the business, witness said he and second defendant eventually arranged to carry on the business on a fifty-fifty basis, plaintiff to therofrom.

Witness said, he asked for a list of the debts of the business, which amounted to \$4,500. He believed plaintiff when he said the debts were that figure.

Subsequent to that, the undertaking mentioned was entered into. One of the terms of the undertaking, said witness, was that plaintiff should attend to all claims and legal proceedings in connection with the debts, as he was the only person who knew anything about them.

If it had been disclosed to him at the time, the agreement was made that the debts were substantially more than \$4,500, said witness, he would not have entered into the agreement.

The hearing was then adjourned. A counter-claim has been filed.

The marriage took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar, of Mr. Kan Fung-hung, merchant, of No. 23, Wellington Street, and Miss Fung Fai-wai, of No. 24, Stanley Street, and Mr. Ng Po-sum, clerk of the Medical Department, and Miss To Pui-kui, of No. 53, Yu Chau Street.

HITLER PREDICTED OWN FALL

The most effective indictment of Hitler and his philosophy is expressible in his own words. In "Fifty Facts About Hitler," a vest-pocket booklet issued by the War Facts Press, price 3d, telling quotations are made from "Mein Kampf" and from the German Chancellor's speeches.

A curiously prophetic example from "Mein Kampf" is: The fact of forming an alliance with Russia would be the signal for a new war. And the result of that would be the end of Germany."

The writer of the booklet points out that even this grim foreboding was a little wide of the mark. "It is the end of Hitlerism, not of Germany. That is at hand."

BURIED DOLL IN PLACE OF BABY

A doctor's action in putting into a coffin a doll instead of the child's body was described by the coroner as "absolutely irregular" at the inquest on a two-weeks-old child at Narborough, Leicestershire.

The body was discovered at Syston, Leicestershire, three weeks ago, and Scotland Yard officers were called in.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the pathologist, told the coroner, Mr. G. E. Bouskill, that some of the remains were preserved.

The child's father said Dr. Albert Lovell told him that he would see to the burial.

Evidence was given by Dr. Theo Zebulun Lovell, of Leicester, brother of Dr. Albert Lovell. He said he intended to make a post mortem, but stress of work prevented it. He put the doll in the coffin for sentimental reasons. His daughter died in similar circumstances a year before.

PETITION BY TAXI COMPANIES REFUSED

The Government has refused the recent petition of local taxi companies seeking permission to increase the present fares. It was reliably learned yesterday.

Owing to the higher petrol duties, the taxi operators recently decided to ask for official sanction to raise fares from 40 cents per mile to 50 cents, and proportionate increase for smaller taxis in Kowloon.

The official attitude, it is learned, is that the higher cost of fuel is not sufficient to justify such fare increases as desired by the companies which may make further representations in the near future.

A FEAT OF CHINESE ENGINEERING

THE MOTOR ROAD FROM BURMA

Mr. F. Burton Leach, late Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma, lectured to the East India Association and the Royal Central Asian Society on "Burma and her Land Communications." Sir Hugh Stephenson, late Governor of Burma, was in the chair.

Mr. Leach devoted his attention mainly to the recent construction of the motor road from the Yangtze Valley to the Burma frontier.

Last December, he said, the American Ambassador to China motored the whole distance from Chungking to Rangoon, about 2,000 miles, in 13 days—an average of 150 miles a day—which was sufficient to prove that the road was quite fit for traffic. The most difficult part of the work of construction was the last 350 miles from Hsiakwan to the Burmese frontier.

No one who knew anything of that tangled mass of precipitous mountains, cleft by gigantic torrents and the upper waters of mighty rivers, could fail to be amazed at the engineering feat which had been accomplished, almost without mechanical appliances, by human labour working against time, when the country was in the throes of a disastrous war.

It could only have been accomplished by the people who built the Great Wall of China.

LINKING UP BY RAIL

Mr. W. C. Chen, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy, said that the Chinese Government had deemed it of vital importance to construct the road as soon as possible, and also to build a light railway along the route, so that it could be used in all seasons of the year.

Emergency arose from the pressing need for munitions and other supplies.

The lecturer had pointed out that the Burma Railway to Lashio was some 80 miles distant from the proposed railhead on the Chinese side of the frontier. If the Burma Government was not inclined to complete the link China would like to be allowed to do so.

From the tourist point of view, the through railway would open up a country like Switzerland for beauty. —The Times.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL GIVES UP RANK

An air vice-marshal and three air commodores on the R.A.F. retired list who knew how to fly before the last war have, at their own request, relinquished their ranks "while re-employed with the Air Force," and have been granted the rank of group captain.

Their names, announced in the London Gazette, are: Air Vice-Marshal Reginald Percy Mills, M.C., AFC; Air Commodore Thomas Charles Reginald Higgins; Air Commodore Andrew George Board, D.S.O.; and Air Commodore Francis Knox Haskins, D.S.C.

GENERAL



Lieut.-Commander J. Mowian, R.N., of H.M.S. Thanet, with his bride, formerly Miss G. F. E. Rice, after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. (King's Studio).

VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

OBITUARY

The Commandant regrets to announce the following deaths:—Pte. E. Tucker, Stanley Flatson, on 23/11/39; Pte. Pang Chak Sang, No. 7 Company, on 10/12/39.

HOLIDAYS

Corps Headquarters will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

PARADES

1st Battery

Dec. 19 (1) Those detailed. Belchers, 5.30 p.m. D.R.F. Dress-Overalls and caps. (2) Remainder, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Arms drill. Dress-Overalls, caps, belts and frogs.

5th Battery

Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All Officers and N.C.O.'s. Dress-Mutti.

Field Company Engineers

Dec. 18 K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Musketry and drill. Last day for Camp pay.

Corps Signals

Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training.

Mobile Column

Armoured Car Platoon: Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Classes, M.G. Instruction.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon

Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. Instruction. A Class, Instruments, B Class, T.O.E.G.D. C Class. Stripping and assembling. N.C.O.'s Cadre under Sgt. Cash.

No. 1 Company

No. 1 and 2 Platoon: Dec. 19 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As company programme.

No. 4 (Troop) Platoon

Dec. 19 and 22 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. training.

No. 2 Company

Dec. 20 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. B. Class. M.G. training. Stoppages.

No. 3 Company

Dec. 17 Peak Range. Musketry. Those detailed parade at H.Q. at 8.30 a.m. Dress—Optional.

No. 4 Company

Dec. 17 Stonemasons. Rifle Table B. Launch. Leaves Queen's Pier at 8.15 a.m. calling at Kowloon Police Pier at 8.30 a.m. Dress—Optional, but equipment must be taken. Range Officer—2/Lt. D. E. Davis. Dec. 18 and 20 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed.

No. 5 Company

Dec. 19 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Class A. Part 1 A.M.G.C. Class B. Fire orders including indication and recognition of targets. Class C, E. G.D.

No. 6 Company

Dec. 19 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Arms drill.

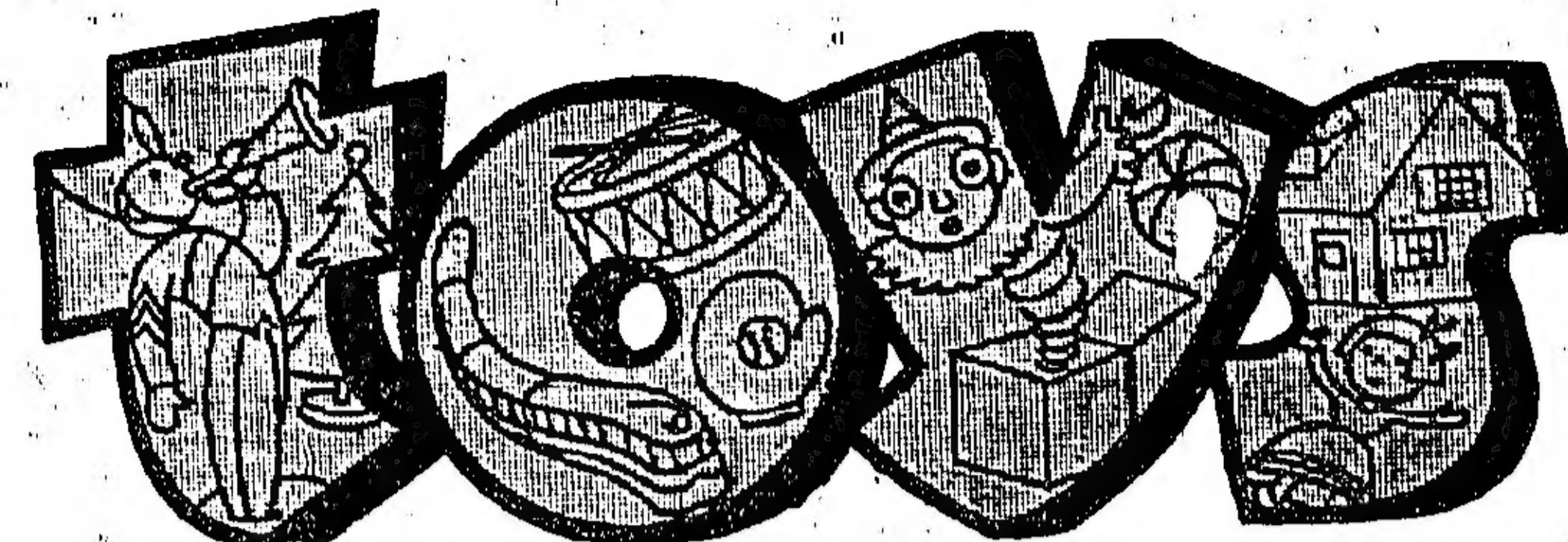
No. 7 Company

Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. training. No. 1 Platoon. Rifle training. No. 2 Platoon. As per Company schedule.

Army Service Corps Company Dec. 17 R.A.S.C. Camber. 9.30 a.m. Transport Section—those detailed. Driving instruction.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that A L V E N A LAIHOVETSKY, L.T.C.L., of 233 Nathan Road, Kowloon, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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Woman Found Hanged By Strap

JURY'S VERDICT AT INQUEST

An inquiry was held at Kowloon Court before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday into the death of Chang Chih, 26 married woman, who hanged herself at No. 173, Lai Chi Kok, Road, ground floor, on November 21.

The discovery was reported to the police by the husband of the deceased, Lam Chung, who said he awoke in the middle of the night to find his wife hanging by the rear part of the bed by a strap that was used to support her baby on her back.

RENT TROUBLE

They had been married seven years and had a son. Their only trouble was rent, and they owed more than a month's rent to the principal tenant. Witness was an unlicensed hawker and earned about 60 or 70 cents a day.

The jury comprised Messrs. H. G. J. McNear (foreman), T. E. McMillan and J. N. Murray.

A verdict of death by suicide was returned.

FIRE INQUIRY VERDICT

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Mr. E. Greenwood, Assistant Station Officer of the Fire Brigade, testified that five persons jumped from the windows at the rear of the house.

BUILT IN 1901

Mr. J. Hempsey, of the Building Authority, testified that the tenement house was built in 1901, and was approved by the authorities then. The premises were extensively altered in 1920. He submitted to the Court a "most up-to-date" plan of the house which was made in 1920. He said that there was no fire-escape on the floors and the staircase and floor were entirely built of wood.

Regarding the partition between balconies, he said that the authorities allowed such divisions constructed not more than three-and-a-half feet in height. Permits would not be granted if tenants or landlords wanted to build them higher than the height specified.

Following a brief retirement, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death and added a rider pointing out the inadequate provision of fire-escapes in tenement houses of this type.

Stanley Ernest Boon, aged 28, a private in the 2nd Bn. of the North Staffordshire Regiment, was executed at Wandsworth Prison for the murder of Mabel Maud Bundy, aged 42, at Hindhead. Private Arthur John Smith, of the same regiment, was convicted with Boon, and was also executed.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S OFFER TO BRITAIN

EXCERPTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE

The following excerpts from letters addressed to Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., LL.D., by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of Hongkong are published for general information:

Treasury Chambers
S. W. Whitehall,
November 18, 1939.

Dear Sir Robert.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies has informed me that you have offered to lend to His Majesty's Government the sum of £10,000, free of interest, for a period of two years. I should like to take this opportunity to convey to you my sincere thanks for this generous offer, which I gratefully accept on behalf of His Majesty's Government. I warmly appreciate the spirit which prompted you to make it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) JOHN SIMON.
Sir Robert Ho Tung.
H.E.C. LETTER
Government House,
Hongkong,
December 11, 1939.

My dear Sir Robert.—It gives me great pleasure to forward to you this letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer which acknowledges and accepts the loan which you have generously offered to His Majesty's Government.

Sir John Simon has asked whether there would be any objection to the publication of that offer and its acceptance. I trust that you see none and that you will concur with their publication. Simultaneously in London and here.

If the procedure suggested in the second paragraph of Sir John Simon's letter meets your convenience, I shall be obliged if it may be followed.

I take this opportunity of expressing my personal appreciation of your public-spirited offer of the use of two river steamers for the use of the Royal Navy for the period of the War. This, as you are aware, is under the active consideration of the Naval Authorities at the present time.

(Yours sincerely),

(Sd.) G. A. S. NORTHCOTE.
Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt. J.P.

IDENTIFYING AIRCRAFT

To familiarize British gunners and observers with the appearance of various types of aircraft a series of demonstrations has been arranged on the East Coast.

A succession of British aircraft—bomber, fighter, and reconnaissance—flies overhead, each giving a five minutes' display at different heights. Members of the Observer Corps and anti-aircraft gunners watch from the shore, and naval officers and gunners from a moored boat.

Officers of the Royal Air Force act as instructors. They distribute among the gunners and observers photographs of all types of British and German aircraft taken from different angles. The points to watch for are then explained and the exercise begins.

The practical demonstration is necessarily confined to British types, but thorough acquaintance with these should lead to quicker identification of an enemy aircraft.—The Times.

has ruled that their walkout constituted "interference with essential services in wartime." It is clear, however, that here wages will come up to meet, at least to some extent, the increased cost of living. The Singapore municipality granted extra food allowances to its employees early this month, to take effect retroactively from November 1. Chinese piece-goods merchants are discussing the granting of a 20 per cent increase to their labour.

INDO-CHINA AND SIAM, great producers of rice both do not appear, as yet, to have suffered a serious internal price rise, but may do so if exports increase unduly due to shortage elsewhere.

IN ANY CASE, the information to hand indicates that the "rice front" is one to watch, especially in Japan it is fast becoming the main issue of Government policy, exceeding in immediate urgency both the perennial question of "settlement of the China incident" and the complicated and spectacular gyrations by means of which Tokyo's diplomats seek to extract profit from the war in the West.

EDITORIAL



The Burmese Mission to Chungking at a mass meeting held to welcome them.

All-Burma Fabian League Pledge Support To China

CHUNGKING, DEC. 15 (CENTRAL)—"EVER SINCE CHINA WAS ENTANCHED IN AN UNPROVOKED AND DEFENSIVE WAR WITH THE JAPANESE, OUR LEAGUE TOOK THE LEAD IN THE BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE GOODS CAMPAIGN," says the All-Burma Fabian League, Rangoon, in a special message to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

The message will be presented in person by U Ba Choe, editor of "Deedok," member of the Goodwill Mission of Burma to China, and president of the League.

"We deem it a rare honour to address Your Excellencies," begins the Fabian message, "on the occasion of the visit of our President U Ba Choe, to Chungking, the present seat of the China Government, as one of the members of the Goodwill Mission."

"For the past many years it had been our pleasant task to work throughout the length and breadth of Burma for fostering friendly relations between the Burmese people and the people of China, the oldest and most civilized nation in the world.

"As there had existed the most cordial relations between the two peace-loving Buddhist countries from times immemorial, we did not experience much difficulty in reviving the old friendship. Our efforts have resulted in the present Goodwill Mission which we earnestly hope will be a successful one."

INTERNATIONAL LAW & GRAF SPEE

Rules Relating To Use Of A Neutral Port

LONDON, Dec. 15 (BWS)—In the House of Lords yesterday, the Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, stated that the International Law, in relation to the Graf Spee, was under active examination between the British and Uruguayan Governments.

It is pointed out in naval circles in London that the provisions of Articles 14 and 17 of The Hague Convention of 1907, which contain rules relating to the repair, in neutral ports, of belligerent warships, do not distinguish between damage sustained in action and damage due to other causes.

NOT ALLOWED

There is substantial support for the view that extension of stay or use of shore facilities to repair damage due to enemy action should not be allowed and a number of neutral governments have issued express regulations denying the use of shore facilities or any extension of permitted stay beyond 24 hours, if damage is due to enemy action.

ON CHARGES

On charges of unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, Chan Hing and Au Kam-tin were each sentenced to 15 months.

Li Man and Tang Fuk, charged

with breaches of the Deportations

Ordinance, were sentenced to two

years' hard labour each, while

Wong Chu and Lai Yui were each

sentenced to 18 months each on

similar charges.

Not Stifling Of Criticism

SECRET SESSION OF COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—The secret session of the House of Commons is an extension rather than a limitation of the principle of free discussion permitted in war-time, as in peace-time, because it is a source of strength and greater efficiency to the Administration rather than a stifling of criticism.

The Government acceded to the opposition request in the full knowledge that criticism would be made and appreciating the sense of responsibility which prompted members to seek the opportunity to speak with freedom and without providing the enemy with propaganda material.

The session is secret, not because damaging information will be imparted, but because a wartime frank discussion of problems of supply and service departments relating to the conduct of the war

is impossible without affording valuable information to the enemy.

The public and the press fully understand the reasons of the State in prompting exclusion, namely, to safeguard free discussion in war-time.

There were several precedents of this British constitutional practice, the earliest instance being in 1875. During the last war

there were five in the House of Commons and one in the House of Lords.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1939.

Hello & Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

The rumours about town concerning the arrival of a British steamer from Atlantic and European ports is becoming a game. The steamer which left England with 700 passengers, including 150 children, should be in port early next week.

Besides the heavy passenger list it is understood that a Mr. P. V. McLane, another genial Canadian has taken over the Major's duties in Hongkong. Mr. McLane recently arrived from Japan where he has been handling Canadian Government affairs during the past six years.

Imperial Airways' inward Sunday service from Bangkok has been delayed 48 hours and will not be in Hongkong before Tuesday. Pan American Airways' report that one of their Clippers will call here on Monday.

And an Italian liner should be showing up on our horizon over this weekend from European and southern ports of call.

Air France

AIR FRANCE'S plane departed Kai Tak, 5 a.m. on Thursday, bound for France, via Hanoi, Mall totalled 19 kilos.

A party of round-the-world travellers bound for India were Mrs. D. J. R. Dadabhoy, Mrs. C. E. Cayali and Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Cooper. Jodhpur is their present destination, however, they are hoping to pay a call in Europe after January 1, 1940.

Mr. C. Arunepathy was bound for Hanoi and Mr. M. R. S. Burnet was travelling to Saigon.

British Liner

ONE OF THE Canadian steamers stopped by our port for a few days during the week.

Up from Manila and back to his office returned that businessman who won't stay put: Mr. R. E. Roxburgh, number one over at John I. Thomsen & Co., Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Thomson of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., returned from a honeymoon in Manila and will make their home here.

Sailing on the steamer were Rev. & Mrs. K. C. Phillips, en route to Vancouver. Many members of the China Inland Mission and friends wished "bon voyage" to these well-known missionary personalities.

However, the parties and gatherings of history surrounded Major and Mrs. V. E. Dudson, and two children. The Major, very well-known to Hongkong residents, is the Trade Commissioner for the Canadian Government and has been residing in our city for the past eight years. Now, he and his nice family are travelling to Shanghai where new duties of the Canadian Government await his supervision. It is indeed a sad occurrence, for he will certainly be

one of the American steamers paying our port; a call and there are many travellers aboard.

The outstanding voyagers for Hongkong were Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanger and their daughter Miss R. Sanger. This family are well-known members of Standard Vacuum Oil Co. who have been holidaying in the United States. Many residents were certainly happy to welcome them.

Mr. C. C. Black, Far Eastern manager of the Prince Lines, is in the Colony after inspecting southern offices.

Several prominent missionaries, Rev. T. Gunther and Rev. D. Jeffrey, with their respective families, arrived in Hongkong.

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Mr. R. H. Elias was dashing back to Shanghai, and evidently business is excellent if smiles and good cheer mean anything!

American President Line

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Yoyang (Yochow), Japanese base of operations, in North Hunan. With their retreat by land already cut the Japanese are loading their military supplies aboard warships in the Yangtze River as precaution.

After the recapture of Yangtze, 37 miles north-east of Yoyang, the Chinese force split itself into two columns. One column yesterday pressed southward to Linsiang, 29 miles north-east of Yoyang, where, after establishing contact with the Chinese units advancing westward from Hsiangtan, it continues its advance on Yoyang.

Another column yesterday drove northward along the Canton-Hankow Railway and had an encounter with a detachment of Japanese reinforcements at Chachiliao, 45 miles north-east of Yoyang.

A Chinese unit smashed into the Japanese aerodrome at Palloki, 14 miles north of Yoyang across the Yangtze River, and set fire to the buildings there.

Contributions are to follow from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa. The Malay States will represent the Colonial Empire, and a recorded message will be flown to England for inclusion.

Mr. Laurence Gillian, producer of several past "Round the Empire" programmes is arranging and presenting this one.

CHRISTMAS TALK BY THE KING

The King is to broadcast on Christmas Day and the BBC is reviving for the occasion the great "Round the Empire" programme, instituted by King George V.

depicting the Commonwealth as a vast royal family of nations. When

the King speaks at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the end of a 45-minutes' radio tour of the Empire, he will acknowledge the homage of united peoples in "battle dress."

The programme will illustrate the reactions of the British "in the street" under war-time conditions at Christmas. There will be actual relays from all the Dominions.

The microphone tour begins in the South of England and will then take the world-wide audience in turn to the Midlands, Wales, the North of England, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Representative members of the three fighting services will then probably take part.

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Chinese troops continue to exert pressure on Tungchong, Japanese base of operations, in south Hupeh. The highway between Tungchong and Taishap, a neighbouring town, has been cut.

NAZI POCKET BATTLESHIP FORCED TO SEEK REFUGE IN MONTEVIDEO AFTER TERRIBLE MAULING

Decks A Shambles Of Dead And Wounded

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The latest, but badly damaged, Nazi pocket-battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, is now licking her wounds, which are plainly visible from the shore, in Montevideo, while outside a British warship is sailing up and down on patrol.

The damage to the Admiral Graf Spee has put the Germans in somewhat of a predicament. The German Minister in Montevideo says she was forced into harbour by lack of fuel.

At the same time, the Berlin Official German News Agency is alleging that the British warships used mustard gas, which spoiled part of the ship's food and that is why she put in to Montevideo.

Graf Spee

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In any case, it is not believed that the Graf Spee will be in a fit state to fight her way out of harbour with any chance of reaching Germany safely.

The whole incident is still regarded in Germany as a very signal triumph and it is argued that the pocket battleship has proved to be a perfect weapon for prowling the seas and harrying merchant vessels.

The Berlin correspondent of the Rotterdamsche Courant thinks that Germany's ship-building programme may be altered accordingly.

REINFORCED SQUADRON

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A strongly reinforced squadron of British warships is patrolling the mouth of the River Plate, outside of Montevideo, where the Graf Spee is expected to remain until Sunday at the least.

It is announced that the Uruguayan Government might allow her to remain as long as is necessary to make repairs and the same facility would be granted to British warships.

A very good reason for thinking that she may accept internment for the duration of the war, rather than risk another engagement, is that the crew is effecting such repairs as they can themselves as shipyard engineers have refused the request for assistance by the German Legation and a company is also preventing its steel from being used by any other concern for the purpose.

Sixty-two survivors of British vessels sunk by the Graf Spee were landed last night.

Interviewed, they confirmed that there was no truth in the gas shells allegation and reckoned that the Graf Spee was hit 18 times.

One survivor said that the German crew's average age was 23. They were astonished at being engaged in battle and thought that their only job was to sink cargo ships.

EXETER SIGHTED

Capt. Dove, of the Africa Shell, one of the vessels sunk by the Graf Spee, said that the battleship thought that she was near some cargo ships when she sighted H.M.S. Exeter. The order to man positions was sounded.

"I and my colleagues were locked up in the mess deck. The Graf Spee opened fire and the Exeter immediately replied. We played cards, including bridge, throughout the battle.

"One shell exploded near us. When we reached Montevideo, a German officer entered the mess-room and said, 'Gentlemen, for you the war is ended.'

Capt. Dove described the Commander of the Graf Spee, Capt. Landsorp, who fought at Jutland, as a great gentleman.

Referring to the battle, Capt. Landsorp said to him, "You British are hard."

All survivors agreed that the British victory was due to the magnificent handling of the cruisers, the excellent gunnery and unparalleled daring.

VIEWS EXCHANGED

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Reuter learns that views are being exchanged between the British and Uruguayan Governments regarding the Graf Spee, now lying in Uruguayan waters.

It is noted that the Uruguayan Government, in proclaiming its neutrality on Sept. 5, stated that workers to effect repairs to the Graf Spee, it is believed that she would follow the provision of the Hague Convention, 1907.

The British Minister in Uruguay has been asked to convey the moment.

New Zealand's Part In First Real Naval Engagement Of The War

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A talk on the battle between the three British cruisers the Admiral Graf Spee was given from Daventry by Commander Taprell-Doring, better known to his many readers as "Taffrail."

The Exeter, he said, was a vessel of 8,400 tons, carrying six eight-inch guns, while the Ajax and Achilles, sister ships of about 7,000 tons each carried eight six-inch guns. All three have a speed of about 32 knots.

The Achilles is actually one of the two cruisers in the New Zealand Squadron (the other being the Leander, the flagship) and "Taffrail" said that as she was chiefly manned by New Zealanders, congratulations were due to New Zealand for the part she had played in the first real naval engagement of this war.

NELSON'S SIGNAL

Press reports state that Commodore Hardwood, before the action made Nelson's famous signal: "England Expects Every Man To Do His Duty," from the cruiser Ajax.

Press representatives, who made a launch trip around the Graf Spee, reported the vessel's state as "shocking"—eloquent evidence of the excellence of British gunnery—as she bore shell marks all along the waterline. A huge hole gaped in her control-tower, which was completely perforated and there was another hole in her bows.

POWERFUL ARMAMENTS

Unlike the Rawalpindi-Deutschland battle, this one was not so one-sided. Although the Admiral Graf Spee is knots slower than the British ships, she carries six eleven-inch guns firing a shell of 716-pounds each, with a range limited only by visibility and distance."

The Exeter's shells, although of the same range, were only 256-pounds while the man-handled six-inch shells of the Ajax and Achilles weight only 100-pounds each.

A broadside from the Graf Spee, therefore, would weigh about 4,768-pounds, while a broadside from the combined British ships would only weigh 3,136-pounds.

None of the four ships were heavily armoured and a single shell from the Nazi ship might well have sunk one of the British ships. But, in the traditional style of the Royal Navy, our ships did not hesitate. They attacked the German vessel and forced her to take refuge in a battered condition.

THE FINAL END

It was impossible to say what the final of the Admiral Graf Spee will be. International law permits her to remain in a neutral port long enough to make the necessary repairs to become seaworthy and to take on enough fuel to reach the nearest port of her country, but nothing else.

If the German warship is interned, she will be out of action for the duration of the war. If she attempts to leave, she will be shelled by the British cruisers which have now found her and will not leave her.

Any ship which got into touch with her was not going to lose her, even if it meant a battle against great odds.

FINNS CLAIM SUCCESS AFTER A 3-DAY BATTLE

SOVIET NAVAL UNITS IN ACTION

HELSINKI, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A Communiqué states that at Tolvajärvi, Finnish counter-attacks were crowned with success and after a three-day battle it was confirmed that two Soviet regiments were destroyed and that the district of Tolvajärvi is again entirely in the hands of Finnish troops, who are pursuing the Russians.

KARELIA FIGHTING

In the course of local fighting in Karelia, eleven Soviet tanks were destroyed.

CABLE



Miss Mya Delin, deputy leader of the Burmese Mission to Chungking, at a tea party. Her beautiful national headdress was greatly admired.

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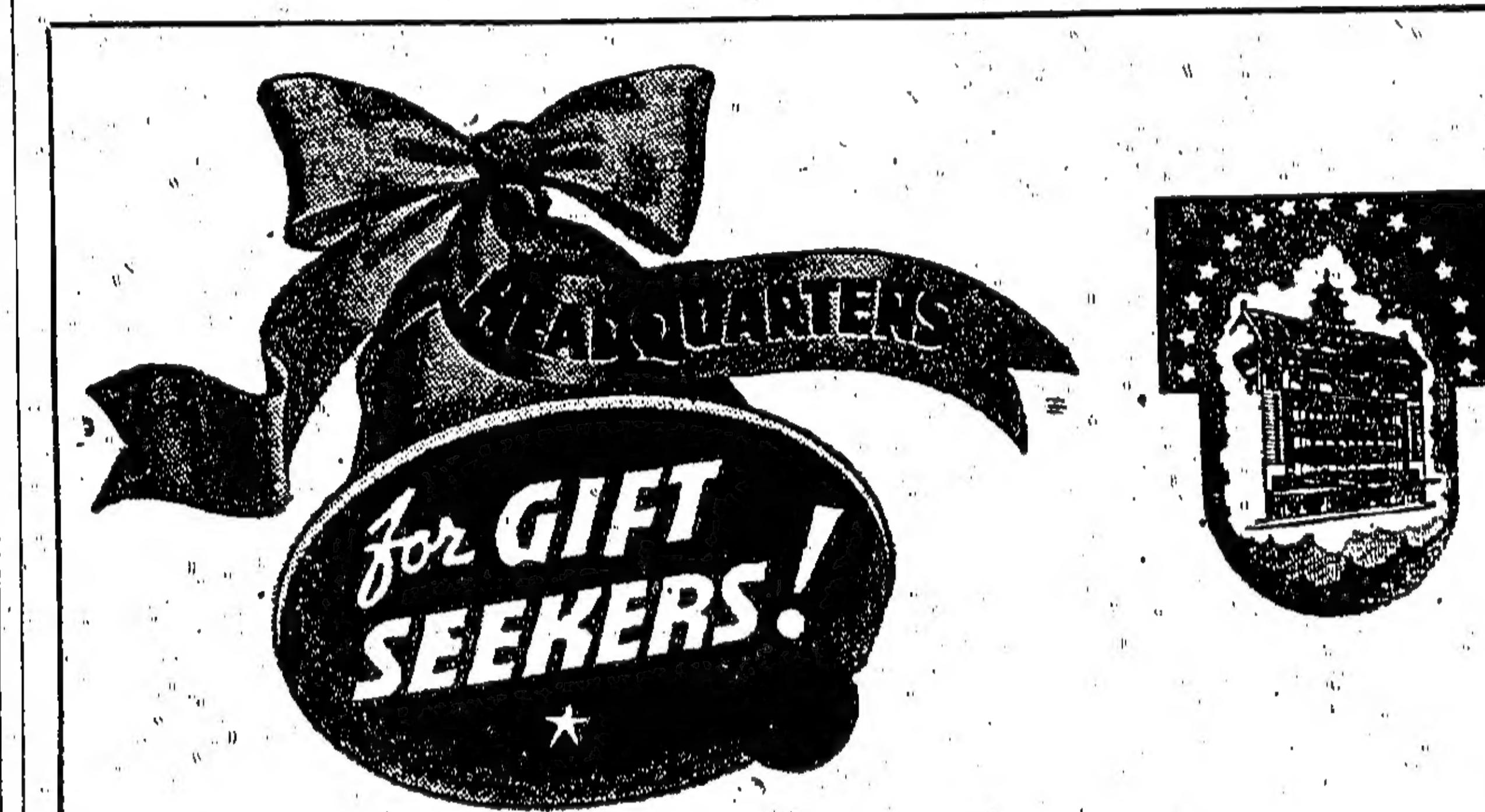
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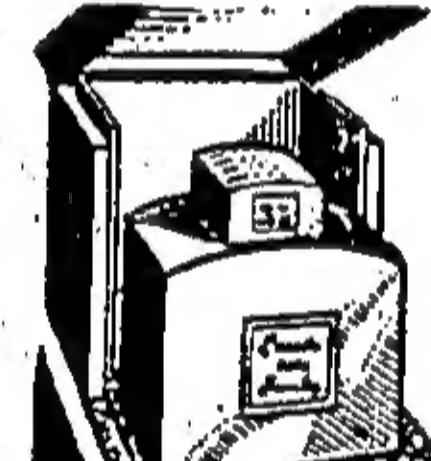
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MEDICAL PROGRESS IN CHUNGKING

An arrival from Chungking praised the medical progress in the wartime capital.

SOVIET FLEET

Units of the Soviet Fleet bombarded Koivisto, Finnish coastal batteries replied and the Soviet vessels withdrew.

SOVIET CLAIM

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A Soviet communiqué claims that Soviet troops have reached a point in Central Finland—sixty-seven miles from the frontier. It also claims an advance in the Murmansk region.

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GENERAL

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JEBSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 10th Dec., 1939. [883]

COMPLETE MANIFESTO
OF SIXTH PLENARY
SESSION, K JOMINTANG

CHINA WILL FIGHT ON: RESISTANCE HELPS LOCALIZE EVIL OF WORLD WAR

Many of the deficiencies our people have displayed during recent years are to be attributed to the fact that we have not yet brought into operation the Tsungli's design for local autonomy in hsien districts as administrative units. As a result no stable basis for general progress has been laid, nor has progress been achieved in the political organization and education of the people. These failings became all the more manifest with the war.

The Central Government issued in September this year, its Outline of Hsien Government Organization and called upon the local inhabitants of hsien districts to take upon their own shoulders the progressive application of the provisions of this outline for control, education, and public welfare and security. They were further urged to devise their own means of transforming for the better all that concerned the well-being of their community, by assigning to qualified individuals posts as consultative directors, who, immersed in the actual affairs of the people, would be in a position to advise and guide them and draw out their capacity for self-government.

We consider this enactment a veritable guarantee of the future establishment of the Constitution, and a milestone on the Chinese people's road to the status of a modern democratic nation. It must come into operation not only in the rear, but also in the war areas, despite all difficulties confronting its application there. It will prove a component part in the fabric of victory by the development and conservation of the nation's available human talent and energy that will result from it.

RESISTANCE WILL GO ON

With regard to the settled policy of resistance, the Generalissimo put the position with the utmost clarity in his inaugural address. He said: "As long as Japan remains blind to her error, Resistance will never cease." His second important point was "We shall strive for victory with confidence in the friendly nations but with reliance only upon ourselves; we shall at the same time be providing a shield for world peace."

Thirdly, he said: "We shall never deviate a jot from the four-point national policy laid down at the time of the enemy's invasion of Manchuria, the four points being: opposition to Japanese aggression; the observance of all international obligations; refusal to join the anti-communist pact; and the maintenance of independence in diplomacy."

All these restated principles have the unanimous assent of the whole nation. The experiences of the last ten months have given us abundant proof of the deep sympathy entertained for our cause by the nations signatory to the Nine-Power Treaty and by other friendly members of the League, for they have extended us much moral and material assistance, especially in such matters as the relief of refugees and the care of the wounded, and even now, with conflict in Europe, they have not ceased to do so. For this we wish to record our heartfelt gratitude, a gratitude shared by every citizen in the land. These gestures confirm our belief that men accord the right-doer the assistance which he deserves.

CHINA AND WORLD WAR

Having fought for more than two years, China is today more than ever alive to the fact that all countries must share security and well-being in common if any one of them is to enjoy these things. When peace reigns, all countries can benefit from it, yet today we find war is afoot in Europe and mankind is exposed to the peril of unimaginable disaster.

We cannot but feel anxious regarding the world's future; but insofar as it has been in her power, China has, we believe, by reason of her Resistance, been instrumental in localizing and reducing the evil of war in the world. And we are no less strongly of the belief that when the two wars now in progress come to an end there will arise an effective and genuine system of organized security such as may give the nations the opportunity of living side by side in peace and in enlightenment. We are confident that we share this belief with far-sighted and responsible statesmen the world over. We hope that they, and all who repre-

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OFFER BY SIR
ROBERT HO TUNG

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—It was officially announced in London yesterday that Sir Robert Ho Tung, of Hongkong, had offered to lend His Majesty's Government £10,000 free of interest, for two years.

This public-spirited offer had been gratefully accepted by the Government, on whose behalf a personal letter of thanks has been addressed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, to Sir Robert.

RUMANIAN
OIL FOR
GERMANY

German interests have acquired a Rumanian oil company, the Petrol Block Company, with two medium-sized refineries at Ploesti and Buzau. Their capacity is 800,000 tons of crude oil and 16,000 tons of lubricating oil annually. This is the first Rumanian oil company to be controlled by German capital since the last war.

We have but one further point to make. The great national effort that we are now making is from one point of view a process of transition demanded by the logic of events, and from another point of view it is actuated by the instinct of self-preservation. But the sacrifices of those who have fought to the present point of success demand a scrupulously loyal fulfilment of the duties they have left us survivors to perform.

This moral obligation every individual must take upon himself as a personal one seeing in himself, as it were, a factor indispensable to the final success of the revolution. He must cherish the moral values and illustrate in his person the distinctions of false and true, sincerity and hypocrisy. Above all, he must cultivate a spirit of unflinching courage. As a citizen he must be responsible and disciplined in the interests of the nation. Only by assent to the absolute sanctity of military orders and civil law will he achieve integrity as a member of the national cause.

THE NATION'S DUTY

Today, the groundwork for victory is complete. The enemy are in a wilder state of perplexity than ever. With us it remains not only the Party's, but also the whole nation's duty to press on, mindful of the Tsungli's dying admonition "not to compromise or be tricked," with resulting betrayal of our sacred duty.

Of our two great tasks, Resistance and Reconstruction, neither is to be regarded as taking precedence of the other in importance. The ends in view in both cases are equally clear. In Resistance, we set ourselves the aim of expelling the invader from our territory; in Reconstruction, our goal is constitutional government. We conclude with a final appeal to all whose duties lie in the latter province to exert themselves along the lines we have indicated.

SOFTBALL NOTES

At 1.45 p.m., the Canadian Chin-ese take on the Trojans, and although I feel that the Canucks should put this under their belts with ease, there's no telling as this same Trojan gang put a crimp in the Chinese Baseballers championship chances last year.

HONG GAMES

The first of the Hong games will be the Shell-Wayfong struggle at 9.45 a.m., on the La Salle field, while the other match will see the Royal Air Force boys in action against the Texas Oilers at 3.00 p.m. on the Kai Tak ground.

I figure the two oil squads to go down the drain.

THE PROGRAMME

Fixtures and umpires are:

PRINCE EDWARD ROAD GROUND

10.00 a.m.: Ball Club v. Pirates: Umpires: F. J. Molthen, Todd & H. Campos.

11.30 a.m.: Wahoos v. Baby Panthers: Umpires: W. Woo, Thomas and Todd.

1.00 p.m.: Cardinals v. Cubs: Umpires: Thomas, Ruel, and H. Wing Lee.

2.30 p.m.: Wildcats v. Canadian Chin-ese: Umpires: F. Molthen, Thomas and Ruel.

RECREO GROUND

11.45 a.m.: Recreo "A" v. V.R.C.: Umpires: Nip Lum, Tuffy Chinn and H. Quon.

2.30 p.m.: Recreo "B" v. Chung Hwa: Umpires: Douglas, D. Walker and W. Lawrence.

C.B.A. GROUND

12.00 noon: H.K. Baseball Club v. C.B.A.: Umpires: Bill Silva, M. Mendonca & D. Bautista.

1.45 p.m.: Canadian Chin-ese v. Trojans: Umpires: N. Beltrio, J. Higgins & G. Gurevitch.

GENERAL

ANTI - NAZI

SCENES IN
URUGUAYAN
CAPITAL

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—Remarkable scenes were witnessed in the Uruguayan capital yesterday afternoon as a sequel to the arrival of the battered Nazi warship, Graf Spee. Over 20,000 persons staged a violent anti-Nazi demonstration because of reports that she is being permitted to succour for thirty days and the police were compelled on several occasions to charge the crowd.

Workmen in the local dockyard have threatened to go on strike if the Graf Spee is put into dock for repair.

BRITISH REQUEST

In the meantime, the British authorities have requested the Uruguayan Government to take measures to intern the Graf Spee for the duration or, alternatively, to compel her to leave. It is contended that when a belligerent warship is hotly pursued into a neutral harbour, she cannot claim refuge for more than twenty-four hours.

The British authorities, on instructions from London, have made strong representations to this effect.

It is intimated, however, that no objection would be taken for a brief extension of the period of grace in order that the Graf Spee's dead may be given a naval funeral.

The Commander of the Achilles has expressed a wish to send a contingent ashore to attend the funeral.

FIVE WARSHIPS

Five British warships, including it is reported unofficially, the Barham, are now standing thirty miles off the shore.

Another report suggests that the Graf Spee had sunk two British merchant ships in rapid succession before she was engaged by the British Light Cruiser Squadron.

Authoritative sources state that, in her present condition, the Graf Spee could not possibly put to sea.

GAS ALLEGATIONS

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—The mustard gas-shell allegations put out by the Nazi Legation have been completely exploded by an examination of the casualties by the Uruguayan medical officers.

The Medical Officer in charge of the port says that all the injured were wounded by shell splinters. Not one was suffering from the eye injuries associated with mustard gas.

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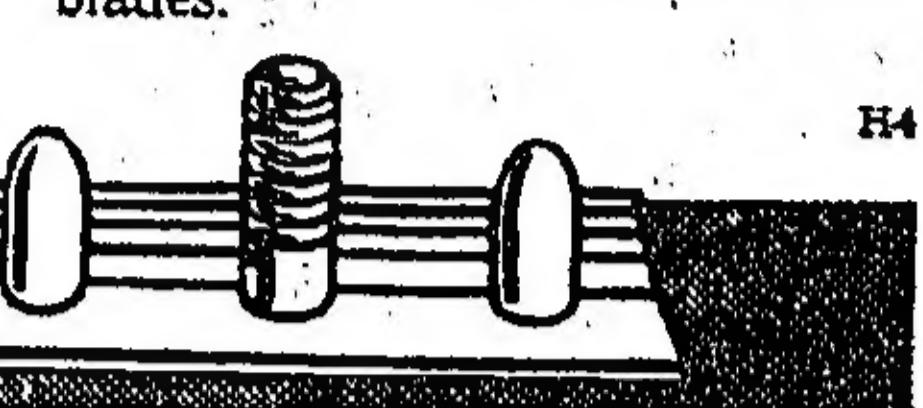
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PAGE FOR THE CHURCHES

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

ST. LAZARUS: CARDINAL MUNDELEIN: ANOTHER LOSS TO CHURCH

Tomorrow, Dec. 17 there is a traditional celebration in many places of the resurrection of Lazarus, whose dramatic restoration to life at the command of Christ is vividly described by St. John, who was evidently an eye-witness. Of what happened to him after that, beyond the fact that the Gospel tells us of the Jews' desire to have him killed, we have no certain knowledge.

There are, however, a great many legends connected with his name and with that of his sisters Mary Magdalene and Martha.

According to the Greek pronouncement to show the difference between the views of the great German people. He was a great man in his intellect and his achievements but he was above all a great churchman. When he died he left no personal fortune; everything that he had was left unexpectedly survived and brought to the diocese from which, as he declared, it came.

They put Lazarus and his sisters into a leaky boat and pushed it; it sank; he left no personal fortune; everything that he had was left unexpectedly survived and brought to the diocese from which, as he declared, it came.

LOSS TO THE CHURCH

The death is announced of another priest; very different in position and in work to the American Cardinal, but also a great worker for God and His Church.

Fr. Herbert Thurston, S.J., who died last month. He was one of the best known priests in England and one of the most prolific of writers on learned subjects. His knowledge was encyclopaedic and his industry phenomenal.

For more than fifty years he turned out an unending series of articles and pamphlets dealing with a great number of subjects requiring research, all of them containing balanced judgment and all well documented. Readers of any of the leading Catholic periodicals in England have for years been familiar with his name, or with the initials "H. T." He was known chiefly as a critic of anything savouring of charlatanism.

In his rigid insistence on examining proof and evidence in the greatest detail he has had considerable influence on the Catholic thought of his day. By many he was considered iconoclastic, yet none questioned his fairness in dealing with any evidence that was presented to him.

POLISH CHURCH

The faith of the Poles, in exile as well as at home, and the sympathy for Poland at the present time, are shown in London by the greatly increased attendance at the Polish church in Islington. This church caters specially for the Polish Catholics in London, of whom there is a large number. Until six years ago the church set apart for them was in an inconvenient place, in the East End, in Merton's St. Shadwell.

It had been established at the beginning of the present century by Salesian Fathers from Poland. In 1930, however, the pastor acquired the present building, which had been a non-Catholic place of worship. The Polish Cardinal Hlond visited it a few years ago.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

Within two months of his installation as Bishop he had set about reorganising the Catholic school system of the city. When he died the Catholic schools of Chicago had 40,000 more pupils than those of New York. He reorganised also the charitable works of the diocese so to produce the maximum of effective work. By 1932 the Catholic charities were feeding, clothing and sheltering more than 150,000 persons. In the years of distress following the war he was responsible for shipping to Europe more than 250,000 barrels of flour.

As his name implied, he was of German ancestry, and his outspoken condemnation of Hitler angered the Nazis in a way that few other statements have done, but it did more than any other

PARLIAMENTARY X'MAS RECESS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters) — Parliament adjourned yesterday for the Christmas Recess, and will assemble again on Jan. 16.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (CHURCH OF ENGLAND KOWLOON) WINTER FOOD COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The following are the forthcoming services, etc. at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Sunday, Dec. 17. Third Sunday in Advent: Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Choral Communion and address at 11 a.m.; Preacher: The Rev. D. Higgins of the American Episcopal Church; Evensong and Address 6.15 p.m.; Preacher: The Vicar; The Sunday Evening Club will be held in the Chater Room after the evening service, to which all are invited; Primary Sunday School in the Hall, 10 a.m.; Leader Miss W. Robinson; Young People's Service in Church, 10 a.m.; Leader Mr. R. Baldwin.

WEEK DAY NOTICES

Monday, Dec. 18. Fellowship of Youth and Working Party for B. W. O. F. 6 p.m.; Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; Teachers' Preparation Class, 7 p.m. The Winter Food Relief Committee will be held in the Vicarage at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19. St. Andrew's Church Council Meeting at 8.30 p.m.; Fellowship of Youth Christmas Party in the Hall at 8.45 p.m.; Mother's Union, 3 p.m.; Brownie Pack, 3.30 p.m.; Boy's Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; A. R. P. Lecture in the Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20. Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs, 5.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's Rover Scouts (1st Kowloon) at 11. Cumberland Road, Kowloon, Tong, at 8.45 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21. St. Thomas' Apostle and Martyr; Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.; Working Party for B. W. O. F. at 4.30 p.m.; Christmas Tree Gift and Candle Service at 8 p.m. in the Church Grounds. An Illuminated Christmas Tree will be placed in front of the Church and after gifts of money, food, and toys have been placed on it there will be a procession with candles round the Church. All gifts will be given to the Chinese destitutes; St. Andrew's Club Christmas Carnival Dance at 8.30 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22. St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs Christmas Party at 5 p.m.; Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; A. R. P. Lecture, 6 p.m.; Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m.; Toc H in the Chater Room, 6.45 p.m.

ROSARY CHURCH

The following are the forthcoming Services, etc.:

3rd Sunday in Advent

At 6.30 Mass with sermon in Chinese, 7.30 Mass with sermon in English, 8.30 Mass with sermon in Portuguese, 9.30 High Mass in honour of St. Francis Xavier with sermon in English, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

From 4 to 6 p.m. Meeting of Members of the Nocturnal Adoration (Chin. Section). Monday Meeting of St. Vincent de Paul's Society. Wednesday Meeting of C.C.Y.I.L.A. 5.30 p.m. Ember Day—Day of abstinence. On week-day: Mass at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m. Novena for Christmas, 7.30 a.m.

On Sunday, at St. Paul's Chapel (185 Portland Street, Mongkok): 6 a.m. Mass with sermon in Chinese. 8 p.m. Evening Prayers, sermon in Chinese and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

3rd Sunday in Advent

First Mass and General Communion 8 a.m. Second Mass 10 a.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This Service will be broadcast. Sermon by Rev. Father E. Bourke, S.J. on the text: "Rejoice in the Lord always; Sunday School for Children 3 p.m. Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S

The Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute Hongkong

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday next Advent III. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 8 p.m. Evening and Short Address. Preacher, Rev. Charles Strong (Chaplain).

Notices: All seafarers are invited to a Social Hour in the Officers' Lounge after Evening Services.

N.B.—The Church is open to the general public.

LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches tomorrow will be: "Is the Universe including Man, evolved by Atomic Force?"

The Golden Text will be:—"All the works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power."

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. No. 31 Macdonald Road, close to Peak Tram Station, Sunday Service 11.15 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning (except Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday, and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East. (Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, Bus. No. 5 or 5A)

Services on Sunday.

Preachers: Morning Rev. E. Moreton, Evening Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

Junior Church 9.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Hymn No. 64, Prayer, Hymn No. 122, 1st Lesson, Hymn No. 589, 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 84, Sermon, Hymn No. 590, Benediction, Evening Service 7 p.m. Hymn No. 79, Prayer, Hymn No. 586, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 824, Sermon, Hymn No. 691, Benediction.

NOTICES

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at S. & S. Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. The Badminton Club is meeting at S. & S. Home 7 p.m. on Monday only. Further meetings will be suspended until the New Year. The House Committee is meeting at S. & S. Home Wednesday 5.30 p.m. Thursday at S. & S. Home — Servicemen's Christmas Dinner and Party. Dinner will be served at 7.30 p.m. to be followed by a Grand Concert. Servicemen are the guests of the Home. Civilian friends are invited to join us at \$1 per head, inclusive.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Dec. 16—Saturday: at 7.15 a.m.

begins the Novena for Christmas. At 5 p.m. meeting of St. Teresa's C. Y. L. A. At 8.15 p.m. Committee Meeting of St. Teresa's C. Y. M. S.

Dec. 17—3rd Sunday of Advent: 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese; 8 a.m. Holy Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction with the Novena for Christmas; 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English.

On week-days: Holy Mass at 8.30 and 7.15 a.m. Novena for Christmas at 7.15 a.m.

Dec. 18, Tuesday: at 8.45 p.m. Meeting of St. Teresa's Youth.

Dec. 20—Wednesday: Ember Day: Abstinence. At 5 p.m. gathering of the Children of Mary in the Hall of St. Teresa's C. Y. M. S.

PEW QUESTION PAPERS

Christianity and Euthanasia;

Is God justified in letting our men die on the battlefield so that Peace may be won?

The vital things of life;

Christian charity;

The origin of hymns;

Should a Christian always tell the truth, even to the extent of hurting someone else? Are "white lies" ever justifiable?

Church's definition of Heaven;

Spiritual healing.

These are some of the subjects people would like dealt with according to replies to pamphlets put in the pews of St. Andrew's Church some weeks ago which asked:

1. Will you please state some hymns in our St. Andrew's Hymn books, you would like sung.

2. A subject or questions you would like the Vicar to deal with in his sermons.

A note in the Andrian says, "Already we have preached on some of the subjects. We shall preach on the others when the opportunity arises and if we feel that the discussion of the subject would be really helpful or instructive to the congregation."

See Back Page.

SPEECH DAY OF HEEP YUNN

MR. LI YING-LAM OFFICIATES

The third annual Graduation Day of the HEEP Yunn School was held yesterday, Mr. Li Ying-lam, President of Lingnan University, distributing the prizes.

There were five graduates from the Senior Middle School last year, the Principal, Mrs. W. K. Cheung, said in presenting the report for the past year. There were also 25 Junior Middle graduates and 32 Higher Primary graduates.

Both Mr. C. G. Sollis, Director of Education, and Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Vernacular Schools, paid visits to the School during the year and were satisfied with the work being carried on.

GUIDES SUCCESS

The HEEP Yunn Guide Company (4th Kowloon) came third in the Prince of Wales Banner Competition. The "House" system was newly introduced into the School and different competitions and matches between houses were instituted.

Besides making continuous monthly contributions towards the relief of war sufferers, they made also padded coats for wounded soldiers and refugees. The girls also fasted twice in order to save money for the Canton refugees.

On May 19, the second anniversary of the School opening, Bishop Hall came and addressed the students. Eight students and two teachers were confirmed, and five students baptised during the year. The principal's report was preceded by a programme of musical and other entertainment by the school.

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

The following certificates were presented:

Senior Middle School Graduation: Lei, Kwai-fong, Ip Lai-sheung, Liu Wai-sam, Tang Wing-ee, and Ng Ngan-ling.

Junior Middle School Graduation: Ng Lai-ying, Ho Kan-ying, Li Lai-yuen, Lai Maal-wain, Lam Yat-oi, Ng Choy-ping, Sz Paan-iei, Chan Wal-yan, Chan Tsz-cl, Chan Yan-oi, Suen Yan-wah, Suen Po-chi, Suen Tai-hel.

Tsun Mel-king, Mool Tip-foon, Chang Shuk-ping, Tsang Choh-kiu, Wong Wing-fung, Wah Sau-kam, Yeung Ma-lai, Lal Pui-ching, Liu Wah-hing, Kong Wai-laan, and Loh Oi-chan.

Primary School Graduates: Wong Wai-kwong, Ng Ngan-mooi, Lei Kok-hung, Lei Choh-sheung, Lei Bing-fung, Hung Yuet-ching, Leung Yuk-kit, Leung Kin-man, Chui Meng-king, Ma Kin-leng, Tsao Faak-ien, Cheung Fook-lim, Cheung Ping-sin, Mak Mei-yuk.

Wong Choy-ping, Wong Choy-ee, Wong Kwan-ying, Tsang Kel-yung, Fung Ngan-heung, Tung Yip-yeo, Yeung Tsui-meil, Kot Sul-kam, Cheng Pu-lan, Liu Ying-sam, Yip Tsui-fan, Poon Sui-wah, Poon Uen-ye, Lau Sun-chi, Lau Hing-chi, Lau Hing-chan, Tse Chi-sing, and Foo Wan-ee.

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ENTRIES FOR DECEMBER MEETING OF FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB

The December Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwantl on Dec. 26, starting at 2.45 p.m.

The following are the entries:

Race 1—2.45 p.m.: "The Taipo Handicap." A steeplechase of 1½ miles for China ponies; Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.

Clowner, Ebony Idol, Mortmain, Three Farthings.

4 Entries:

Race 2—"The Jorrocks Plate," 1½ miles. A hurdle race for China ponies, bona fide hunters. Winners last season of a steeplechase and/or hurdle race barred. Catch-weight 168 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.

Centre Forward, Emergency Call, Jack O'Lantern, Seventeenth of September, The Minx, Widnes.

6 Entries:

Race 3—"The Hobart Handicap," 7 furlongs. A flat race for Australian ponies "C" class. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5.

Ajax, Amber II, Brutus, Dick Turpin, Discovery Bay, Heinz Macquarie River, Schnetterling, Tarzan, Zodiac.

10 Entries:

Race 4—"The Canberra Handicap," 1½ miles. A steeplechase for Australian ponies. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.

Bingo, Glorious Star, Iroquois.

FANCY DRESS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

SATURDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST

Baked Apple
Cereal
Sausages and Buckwheat Cakes
Syrup
Coffee

LUNCHEON

Oyster Stew
Asparagus Salad
Spareribs and Sauerkraut
Baked Turnips
Creamed Cauliflower
Corn Bread
Chocolate Pudding
Tea

DINNER

Vegetable Soup
Stuffed Celery
Fried Chicken
Brown Gravy
Hot Biscuits
French Pastry
Coffee
Nuts and Raisins

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., December 15.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.30 ins.

Temperature, 62 F.

Humidity, 65 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature: maximum yesterday,

68 F.

Temperature: minimum last night,

59 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m.

today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st,

88.70 ins.

Against an average of, 84.54 ins.

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4 p.m., Dec. 15.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.16 ins.

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SPORTS & GENERAL

CHARMING CATHERDAL WEDDING

LT. J. MOWLAN, R.N. AND MISS RICE

Miss Gwenllian Frances Elizabeth Rice became the bride of Lieutenant-Commander John Mowlan R.N. of H.M.S. Thanet, in St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson officiated. The beautifully decorated Cathedral in reds and greens was an attractive background for the charming, tall bride.

Miss Rice, daughter of the Rev. Mark and Mrs. Rice of Wotton Rectory, Dorking, Surrey, England, was escorted to the altar by Colonel A. G. Neville, M.C.

Attending the bride was little Miss Caroline Neville in a net frock of white with blue velvet ribbon trimmings and carrying a small corsage of posies. The unusual bridal procession was most striking and picturesque.

BRIDE'S COSTUME

Miss Rice's costume, fashioned by the well-known Miss S. Costides, was made from brocaded white satin designed on fitted lines with a high neck, long sleeves full from shoulder to elbow and the skirt having a slight flared train.

The bridal veil, of three yards, in white silk tulle, was caught to her head with a half halo of orange blossoms, the veil falling over the face to the waist. The bridal bouquet was composed of white candy tufts and green.

Captain I. D. Macrae acted as best man.

A reception was held aboard H.M.S. Tamar.

BRITISH INTERESTS IN SHANGHAI - NANKING RAILWAY

LONDON, Dec. 15 ((Reuter)—In the House of Commons yesterday, at question-time, the Prime Minister said that the British Ambassador in Tokyo on Oct. 10, made strong representations regarding the non payment of interest due to British shareholders in the Shanghai Nanking Railway.

He would continue to press the matter when opportunity offered.

COLONY HEALTH

Nineteen cases of tuberculosis, six cases of chicken-pox, three cases of diphtheria, two cases of enteric fever and one case of dysentery were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 14.

NEWSETTES

H.E. the Governor will attend the A.R.P. exercises tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The National Relief Commission on Thursday allotted an additional \$10,000 for the relief of refugees in the Chungshan district.

A message from New Delhi states that the Viceroy of India has arrived in Calcutta, where he will spend Christmas.—(Reuter).

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RADIO PROGRAMMES

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Fox-Trot—Chicken Reel—Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra. Tango—La Carraca; Bella Espanola—Orquesta Tipica Roberto Flipo.

10.40 London Relay—"They too loved Wales."

A Welsh pattern of verse, prose and music.

11.00 London Relay—"London Log."

11.15 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—The Fleet in Port Again; Waltz—The Whistling Waltz—Billy Rold and His Accordion Band. Fox-Trots—Let's Face The Music and Dance (film Follow the Fleet); But Where Are You (film Follow the Fleet)—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Tango—The Tango of the "Mula"; Waltz—A Garden of Illusion—Orquestra Tipica Francisco Canaro. Fox-Trots—Who Loves You; Foolish Heart—Ronnie Munro and His Dance Orch. Tango—Fox-Trot—Where The Cafe Lights are Gleaming; Fox-Trot—Angel of the Great White Way—New Mayfair Dance Orchestra. Rumba Fox-Trot—La Cucaracha; Tango—A Media Luz—Orquestra Tipica Roberto Flipo. Fox-Trots—Free! Take My Heart—Ambrose and His Orchestra. Waltz—Secret Rendezvous (film "One Rainy Afternoon")—Victor Young and His Orchestra.

12.00 Midnight Close down.

TOMORROW

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT FROM ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Erich Forges

10.00—11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church.

11.00 a.m. Close down.

12.15 p.m. List—Venezia E Napoli. Piano Solo by Louis Kentner.

12.30 Two Songs by Herbert Jansen (Baritone).

Devotion, Op. 10, No. 1 (R. Strauss); All Souls' Day, Op. 10, No. 8 (R. Strauss) — with Piano accom. by Gerald Moore.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Studio—Another "Musical Cocktail" by Erich Forges.

1.23 Orchestral Interlude.

Caro Mia (Sievier and Fricker); Old Bohemian Town (Mariden and Kennedy); Alfredo and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Act II.

Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: M. Sheridan (Soprano); Cho-Cho-San; I. Mannerlin (Mezzo-Soprano), Suzuki, a servant; W. Weinberg ("Paritone"); Sharpless, U.S. Consul; N. Falai (Tenor); Goro, the marionette; A. Gelli (Bass), Prince Yamadori with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

Music will be provided by the Dance Orchestra of the 2nd Battalion. The Royal Scots, by kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDowell, M.C. and Officers.

There will be Spot Prizes and Novelties.

Admission: Ladies \$1.50. Gents \$2.00. Members below Sergeant \$1.50.

Tickets may be obtained in advance from: S. Moutrie

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 15, 1939

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/8 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand, 3/8 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4

On Shanghai:—

On demand 315

On Singapore:—

On demand 62 3/4

On Japan:—

On demand 103 1/4

On India:—

Telegraphic Transfer, 82 1/2

and demand 82 1/2

On New York:—

Bank Bills, on demand 24 3/8

Credits, 60 days' sight 23

On Batavia:—

On demand 45 3/8

On Paris:—

Bank Bills, on demand 100

Credits 4 months' sight 1145

On Saigon:—

On demand 108 1/2

On Manila:—

On demand 48 3/4

On Bangkok:—

On demand 140 1/2

Sterling Notes:—

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Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices dropped 1/8 yesterday for both deliveries the quotations being 23.3/8 for Ready and 23.9/16 for Forward. Silver advices reported India as having bought and speculators as having sold.

The market was quiet but steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-

rate was quoted at 402. New York-

London was quoted at 393.5/8.

Market

Steady but quiet.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/3 Decem-

ber and 1/23/31 32 March, probably

April, buyers at 1/31/32 Cash and

1/3 March, probably February.

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 24.1/2 De-

cember and 24.3/8 January, buyers

at 24.9/16 December, possibly Cash

and 24.1/2 January.

Shanghai Dollars

There were sellers during the

early part of the morning at 327.

Towards the close at 1 p.m. sellers

were quoted at 324.

Shanghai Market

Sterling opened with sellers for

Spot at 43.7/84 and closed with

sellers at 41.9/32 for Spot. U.S.

Dollars sellers at the opening at

7.7/16 for Spot and closed a shade

steadier at 7.17/32 sellers for Spot.

Afternoon Market

The market was quiet in the

afternoon.

Sterling

The market closed with sellers

at 1/3 December and 1/23/31/32

January/March, probably April,

buyers at 1/31/32 Cash and 1/3

February.

U.S. Dollars

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Opened with sellers at 43.7/84

and towards the close sellers were

quoted at 4.9/16 sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 15 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/4

New York 6-7/8

Japan 29-1/4

India 23-1/2

Paris 3-11

Hongkong 28-1/4

Sellers

Opening Closing

Spot 0/4-35/64 0/4-37/64

Dec. 0/4-35/64 0/4-37/64

Jan. 0/4-33/64 0/4-35/64

U.S. Dollars

Spot \$7-7/16 \$7-1/2

Dec. 7-13/32 7-15/32

Jan. 7-5/16 7-8/8

Market: Quiet

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-8/16

U.S. Dollars, \$7-7/16

Silver duty rate

The Central Bank of China's

rate on London at 10 a.m.

today was 1/2-1/2d., unchanged

from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 24

per cent

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 80-3/8.

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HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, December 14.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Buyers	Buyers	Change
S P O T	40 cts	40-1/8			up 1/8
JAN.-MARCH	39	39-3/8			up 3/8
APRIL-JUNE	37	37-3/8			up 3/8

The market was easier.

LONDON RUBBER	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Buyers	Buyers	Change
S P O T	11-15/16	11-7/8			off 1/16
JAN.-MARCH	12-1/18	11-15/16			off 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	11-15/16	11-13/16			off 1/8

After ruling steady, the market eased in sympathy with cotton prices but rallied slightly on the issue of United States questionaires.

COTTON: There were heavy profit-taking and Southern selling against Loan repossession which was met by Trade support on the scale down, demand being otherwise lacking.

RUBBER: There was a broader general demand and good factory interest in nearby and actuals, while contracts were scarce. November consumption of 54,322 tons is above expectations and is causing an upward revision of the estimates for December. We would remain bullish, believing that the scarcity of supplies will soon be felt here.

WHEAT: Prices declined on the easiness of the Canadian markets, but sizable profit-taking and realizing was well absorbed. The mill markets are steady while the cash market remains firm. No indication of relief in the drought section is forecasted.

HIDES: The market reflects the better tone of Spots. Packers are reported to be holding for 3/4 cent advance.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 148.94; Today's close, 148.93; Change, off 0.1.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

Prev. To-day's

High Low Close Close Change

New York Cotton, Mar.	11.11	10.61	11.22	10.89	.53 off
New York Rubber, Mar.	10.80	19.40	19.53	19.80	.07 up
Chicago Wheat, May	1018	99	99	99	.00 off
Chicago Corn, May	574	561	57	561	1 off
New York, Hides, Mar.	15.50	15.33	15.43	15.38	.05 off

NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
December	11.56/56	11.34/34	10.95/96	.06 up
January	11.45/45	11.24/24	10.98/98	.47 off
March	10.88/90	11.10/08	10.69/70	.53 off
July	10.50/50	10.75/72	10.38/38	.50 up
October ()	10.74/74	10.30/29	10.08/07	.44 off
December ()	9.95/80	10.52/53	10.29/29	.45 off
Spot	11.66 N	9.78/77	9.50/52	.45 off

Note: December cotton, last notice day—15/12/39.

NEW YORK RUBBER	December	20.55/55	20.60/68	.05 up
March	19.53/55	10.55/48	19.80/80	.07 up
May				

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 16th December, 1939, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1939. [83]

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R. OHL,
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Hong Kong, 1939. [87]

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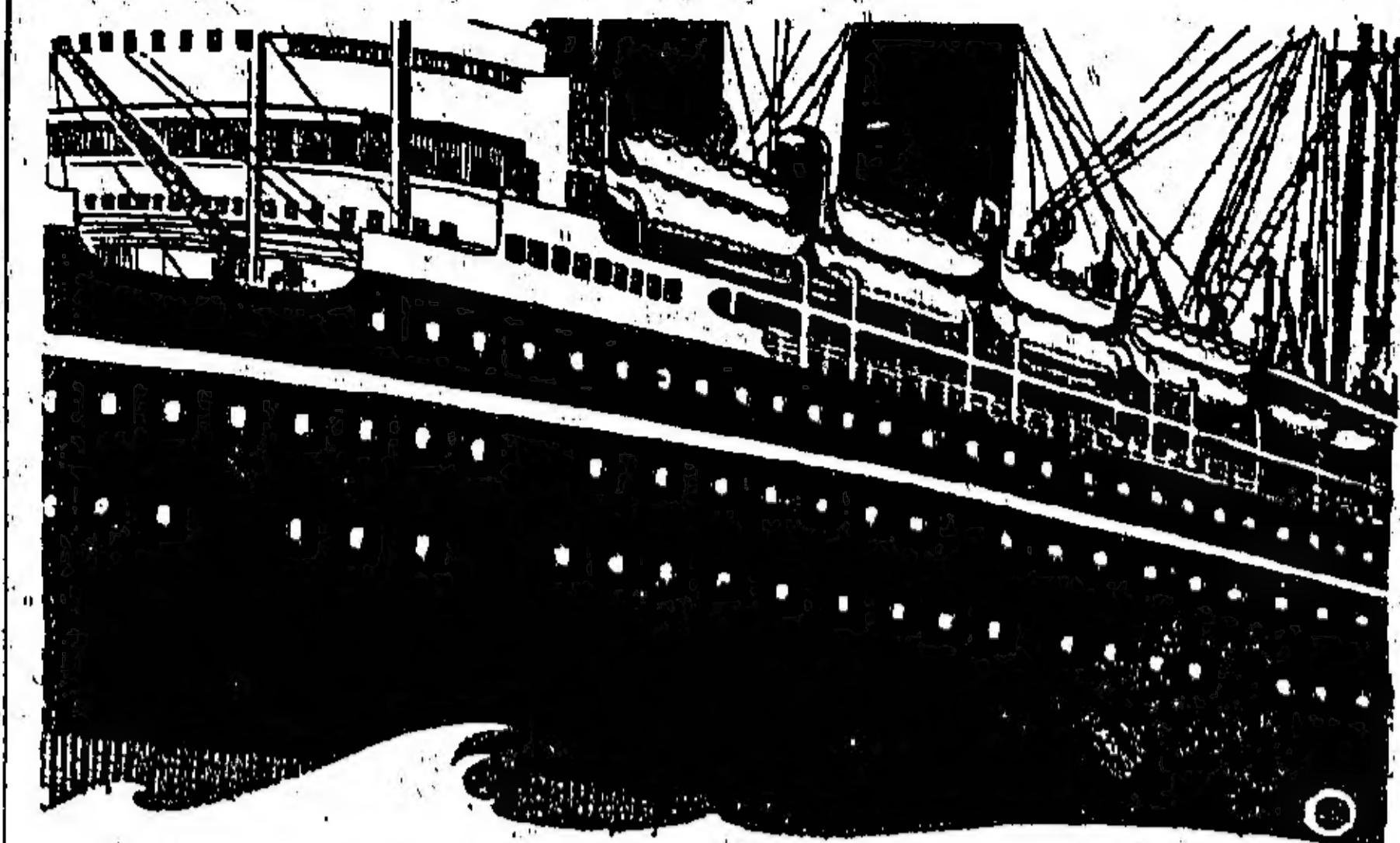
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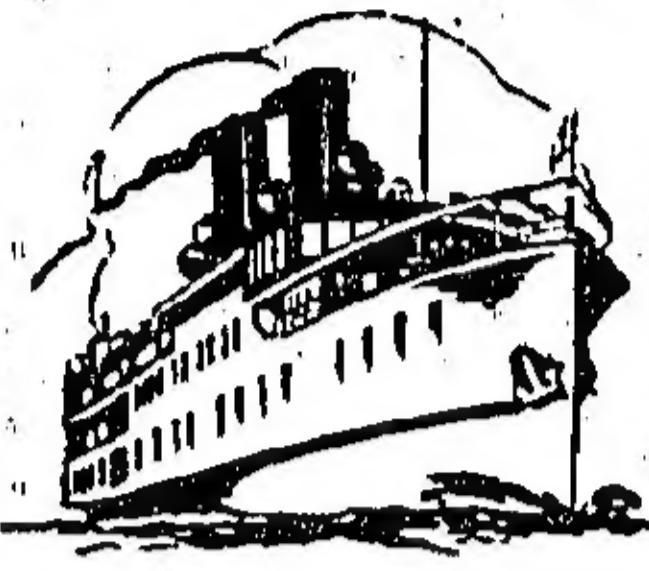
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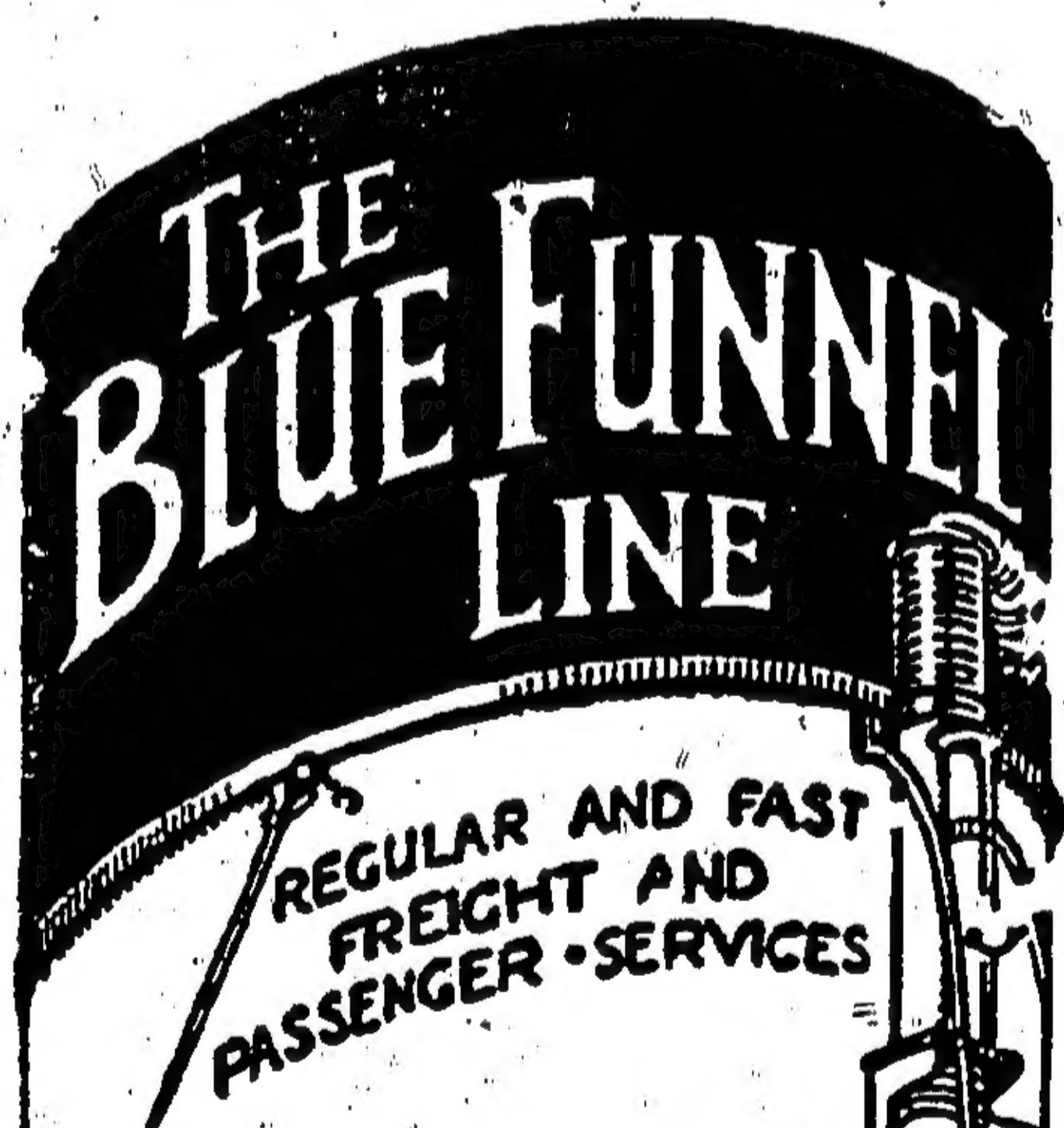
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Referees' Association Dinner

APPOINTMENTS AT STANLEY

The annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Association was held last night at the Hotel Cecil, about 70 persons being present.

The toast to the King was proposed by Mr. D. R. Mitchell.

The Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association, Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, referred to certain criticisms that have been made of the appointment of referees for football matches played at Stanley.

The Football Association, "Mr. Goldenberg said, preferred to save other referees from being unnecessarily inconvenienced and put to some expense.

A good programme of entertainment was arranged for the evening.

SMALL INDUSTRY PROMOTION IN KWANTUNG

SHIUKWAN, Dec. 15 (Central)—To take the place of industrial plants along the coast destroyed by the Japanese invasion, the provincial authorities are taking energetic steps to promote small factories and home industries in the interior of Kwantung.

An ambitious scheme has been mapped out by the Reconstruction Department to provide every district of the province a number of small factories utilising as far as possible local labour and raw materials. The factories will be government owned in the beginning but may be sold to private interests later on.

Preparations have been completed to establish these factories in many of the interior districts while a province-wide survey is under way.

CHAMBER MUSIC CLUB SEASON

The Hongkong Chamber Music Club commenced its second season with a vocal and instrumental concert at Government House last night. Those who took part were Miss Elvie Yuen, Mr. N. Tomoff, Prof. E. Pellegatti and Prof. Harry Ore.

There was a very encouraging attendance. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, to whose sympathetic interest the Club largely owes its existence, being present.

DUE TO ARRIVE IN HONGKONG

The following passengers are expected to arrive in Hongkong shortly from America by a President liner:

Mrs. Mary V. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. B. De V. Boosten, Mr. H. Braham, Mrs. A. Dobson, Dr. A. Hughes, Miss A. Phillips, Miss G. Sale and Mr. C. L. Williams.

DEPARTURES

The following left Hongkong yesterday: Mr. R. C. Chadda, Mr. R. Cohenet, Mr. L. G. Cousins, Mr. Chas. D. Culbertson, Miss Mary Gladys Denison, Major and Mrs. V. E. Duclos, Miss J. Duclos, Miss S. Duclos, Mr. R. H. Elias, Mr. R. E. Francis, Mr. J. N. Gershwick, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson, Rev. Sister Louise Grison, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hall.

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Li Yu-ming, office boy employed by the Dunlop Rubber Company, alleged to have caused his employers the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars because he stole the money for stamps and failed to post a large number of letters, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday on five counts of fraudulent conversion of \$552.00. Li pleaded guilty and was remanded for 24 hours. He told the Court that he would like to make restitution.

CHURCHES

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

December 17, 1939, 3rd Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Communicants' Fellowship, in Peak Church, Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Mattins, Preacher: The Dean.

12.15 p.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. A. R. Rose.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Cathedral, 10.00 a.m. Kindergarten and Children's Service.

Chapel of the Resurrection, Happy Valley, 10.00 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

Stanley Sunday School Room, 10.00 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

WEEKDAYS

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

Thursday (St. Thomas' Day), at 7.30 a.m.

Friday at 7.45 a.m. (in Cantonese).

Wednesday, Prayer for the sick, at 10.15 a.m.

OTHER NOTICES

December 20 10-12.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 4 p.m. Choir Practice (Boys), Cathedral Hall, 8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall.

December 21 3.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m. Cathedral Scouts Meeting, Bishop's House, Lower Albert Road.

December 22 5.30 p.m. Choir Practice Cathedral.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas Tree will stand again in the north transept from Saturday, December 16. As in previous years, we shall devote all gifts that are placed on or under the tree to needy families nominated by the Hongkong Benevolent Society, the Society for the Protection of Children, and to homes and needy people who are being helped by the Social Service Centre of the Churches (Secretary, Miss Elliott). This winter, as every one knows, will be a very hard one and so we are hoping to receive even more gifts than in previous years.

The Benevolent Society specially ask for:—Old Winter Clothes, Blankets, Warm scarves, Soap, Brushes and combs, Handkerchiefs, Books, Crackers, Tinned foods, Biscuits, Horlick's Milk, A few Magazines, Old toys, Sweets, Cocoa.

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I am hoping to arrange for the personal distribution of the gifts by members of the Cathedral with the help of the Secretaries of the three societies. Will any members of the Cathedral who wish to help in the distribution please send their names to me.

EMMANUEL MISSION

Sunday, 10 a.m. Service of Holy

Communion. 11. Morning Service.

Preacher: Adjutant L.J. Russell, of Salvation Army, from Calcutta.

2.45 p.m. Sunday School, 3 Bible

Classes, 7.30 Song Service conducted by Mrs. Roberts & Mr. McLeod 8

Evening Service. Preacher: Mr. Forbes McLeod, Monday, 7.30 p.m.

S.A.C.A. Blackboard Meeting 8 Bible

Study Circle at 792 Nathan Road, 1st floor. Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Meeting for Chinese Friends—Wednesday, 8 p.m. Praise and Prayer Meeting.

Thursday, 10.30 a.m. Women's

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Triangular Rugger Tournament

FINAL GAME IN FIRST ROUND

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In this tournament to date the Club has beaten both the Army and Navy.

CLUB vs POLICE:

Prior to the Triangular Tournament game there will be a match commencing at 2.45 p.m. between the Police and the Club.

The Club side has been selected as follows:

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